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India needs a more intelligent affirmative-action architecture: preserve protection against discrimination, but deliberately widen first access to families and communities still waiting for opportunity.

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CM to offer silk robes to Lord Venkateswara on Sept 15
The chairman said all arrangements had been completed to conduct the annual Brahmotsavams on a grand scale and ensure that devotees do not face difficulties during the festival.

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BRICS Summit
DELHI ON HIGH ALERT

NEW DELHI: Delhi has tightened security across the national capital ahead of the 18th BRICS Summit, with nearly 4,800 traffic police personnel set to manage VIP movement and more than 35 major roads identified for traffic restrictions and diversions. The summit will be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from September 11 to 13, with foreign leaders and other dignitaries expected to attend. Around 22 diversion points will be used to regulate traffic during the movement of foreign delegations and VIP convoys. Security has also been stepped up at around 10 major hotels where foreign delegates are expected to stay, along with 12 other important locations across the capital. India is hosting the 18th BRICS Summit as the grouping's chair for 2026. The main leaders' summit will be held on September 12 and 13, while the BRICS Business Forum is scheduled for September 11.



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Jagan maps 2027 padayatra, sounds 'Kurukshetra' bugle

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But we're allowed to carry firearms to PM meetings... I read the news on WhatsApp!

Will safeguard people's land rights, asserts CM

Naidu says he is against 'political revenge'

HANS NEWS SERVICE
P GANNAVARAM
(KONASEEMA DIST)

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday said that the NDA coalition government was committed to ensuring people's rights over their land and resolving long-pending land disputes, while asserting that governance should reach people and improve their lives.

Addressing the "Mee Bhoomi-Mee Haku" programme at Machavaram in BR Ambedkar Konaseema district, the Chief Minister said his government was giving high priority to water and land as they were vital for people's lives and livelihoods. "If water is life, land is livelihood. That is why the NDA coalition government is giving high priority to both these programmes," he said.

Naidu said his government would not indulge in "political revenge" despite the alleged harassment he and several leaders faced during



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu handing over a pattadar passbook to a beneficiary at the Mee Bhoomi-Mee Haku programme in Panduvaripeta village of Ambedkar Konaseema district on Wednesday

The AP government has launched 'Mee Bhoomi-Mee Haku' programme to protect farmers' lands forever. Pattadar passbooks are being issued with the state emblem and security features, including e-KYC, QR codes and blockchain technology. Resurvey had been completed in 8,234 villages and 36 lakh passbooks issued. Over 16 lakh acres have been removed from the 22-A prohibited list and the lands, which had remained in the 22-A1 prohibited list for more than a century, are being freed and treated on par with Gramakantham lands

the previous YSR Congress regime, asserting that his focus was on rebuilding the state and improving the lives of its people.

Addressing a public meeting at Panduvaripeta in P Gannavaram constituency

during the Mee Bhoomi-Mee Haku programme, Naidu recalled his arrest in Nandyal three years ago and said the September 9 incident remained a painful chapter in his political life. "I could have taken revenge in one minute

after becoming Chief Minister, but I did not do it. I have patience. My objective is to ensure justice for the Telugu people," he said.

Naidu said he had been in politics for 48 years and became Chief Minister for the

first time 31 years ago. He claimed that he had faced several allegations and court cases but none of the charges against him could be proved. His political journey, he said, was driven by the objective of following values and working for the poor and the Telugu people. Recalling his arrest, Naidu said police had arrived late at night while he was in Nandyal and informed him that he would be arrested. When he sought details of the charges, he was allegedly told that they would be explained after the arrest. He was subsequently shifted to Rajamahendravaram Central Jail. He said the arrest triggered protests among Telugu people across the country and abroad. IT professionals in Hyderabad also came out in support, while Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan faced restrictions when he attempted to express solidarity with him, Naidu said. He claimed that several cases filed by the previous government were later dismissed by courts.

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Union Cabinet okays ₹20,804-crore railway projects across 9 states

Aimed to add 1,196 km to existing rail network

NEW DELHI: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved eight railway multitracking projects with a combined estimated cost of Rs 20,804 crore across nine states. The projects will add around 1,196 km to the existing Indian Railways network and are targeted for completion by 2029-30. The capacity expansion is expected to ease congestion, improve train movement and strengthen operational efficiency and service reliability on key passenger and freight corridors.

Together, the projects will cover 31 districts and improve rail connectivity to around 6,911 villages with a combined population of nearly 1.08 crore.



BOOST TO AP
Renigunta, Arakkonam rail expansion gets approval

HANS NEWS SERVICE

TIRUPATI: The rail network serving Tirupati and its surrounding pilgrimage centres is set for a major capacity enhancement with the Union Cabinet approving the construction of third and fourth railway lines between Arakkonam in Tamil Nadu and Renigunta in Andhra Pradesh.



TDP national working president and IT Minister Nara Lokesh lights 53 candles at CM's Undavalli residence on Wednesday marking 53 days the TDP chief spent in prison

Lokesh lights 53 candles to mark Naidu's arrest

TDP recalls arrest as 'political vendetta' and mobilises cadres across state

HANS NEWS SERVICE
AMARAVATI

THE Telugu Desam Party on Wednesday sought to turn the third anniversary of N Chandrababu Naidu's arrest into a political campaign, recalling his 53-day incarceration and asserting that the episode had strengthened the party's bond with the people. TDP national working president and IT Minister Nara Lokesh lit 53 candles at Chandrababu's Undavalli residence to mark the 53 days the TDP chief spent in prison following his arrest three years ago.

The party described the arrest as politically motivated

and alleged that the case was orchestrated by the then YSRCP government out of political vendetta. TDP leaders and supporters across the state observed the day by lighting candles under the slogan "truth has triumphed" and expressing solidarity with Chandrababu.

Lokesh said Chandrababu, who had spent five decades in public life upholding political values, had emerged from the cases without being tainted. He compared his political journey after the episode to 'a washed pearl' and attributed his resilience to the support of crores of Telugu people across the world.

TTD announces first-of-its-kind insurance cover for devotees

- Board approves a ₹2 lakh insurance for devotees who die of natural causes in Tirumala
- Compensation for devotees who die in accidents goes up from ₹3 lakh to ₹10 lakh

PRADEEP VENNELAKANTI
TIRUMALA

THE TTD trust board has announced that it will introduce a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country by approving a Rs 2 lakh insurance cover for the families of devotees who succumb to natural causes during their stay in Tirumala.

The scheme will be implemented in association with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), providing financial assistance to the families of pilgrims who die of natural causes in



TTD chairman BR Naidu explaining the board decisions to the media in Tirumala on Wednesday. Executive Officer M Ravichandra is also seen

Tirumala. Under the scheme, the TTD will pay the insurance premium, ensuring a Rs 2 lakh benefit for the family of a devotee who dies of natural causes while in Tirumala. The temple body already extends accident insurance assistance to the kin of devotees killed in road accidents on the Alipiri-Tirumala route in specified cases.

The decision was taken at the TTD trust board meeting held at Annamaiah Bhavan in Tirumala on Wednesday under the chairmanship of BR Naidu.

ED raids K'taka minister

BELAGAVI: A few weeks after multiple raids conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on the properties of Joint Commissioner of Excise Y Manjunath, who is the brother in law of PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, the ED conducted searches at around 18 premises linked to the minister, including his residence in Bengaluru's Dollars Colony, government quarters and properties in Belagavi and Gokak, as part of an investigation into alleged irregularities in the issuance of bar licences and various other issues.

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EXTRA 'F' IN CNR RAO'S NAME TRIGGERS SIR NOTICE

EC now says will visit Bharat Ratna's house for verification

BENGALURU

ELECTION Commission of India (ECI) officials will visit 92-year-old Bharat Ratna awardee and eminent scientist CNR Rao's Bengaluru residence for verification after backlash over the notice issued to him as part of the Karnataka electoral roll Special Intensive Revision (SIR).



Rao was asked to appear at an SIR hearing centre to address a discrepancy in how his name was recorded during the

enumeration process. "... Rao does not have to appear before the election officials at the designated centre. Officials will visit his home and conduct the necessary verification there," said an ECI official, who did not want to be named.

The notice listed the reason as "self-name mismatch."

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Cognizant's green card filings suspended

IT industry may face tougher scrutiny

WASHINGTON

THE US has suspended permanent labour certification filings (PERM) by Chennai-founded IT services company Cognizant and software firm Cloud-era, as the Trump administration steps up its crackdown on alleged fraud and misuse of employment visa programmes.

The move could have implications for foreign workers seeking US employment-based Green Cards through Cognizant, including Indian technology professionals. The US Department of Labour has not disclosed the specific allegations against either company. Authorities have not publicly given details about the specific allegations against Cognizant or Cloud-era, nor said how many PERM applications are affected or how long the suspension will last.

US Department of Labour Inspector General Anthony D'Esposito announced the suspension of the companies' PERM filings, saying, "Threats to American workers will NOT be tolerated."

D'Esposito said the investigation into the two companies was conducted in coordination with the White House Fraud Task Force and other officials. Referring to Cognizant, he said its PERM filings

had been suspended and that the Department of Labour's Office of Inspector General was investigating. In another statement, D'Esposito said authorities were following "facts, fraud and finances".

The development comes after the Trump administration launched a major investigation in July into alleged fraud involving the H-1B and PERM employment programmes.



'AI could kill us all by end of decade'

ANTHROPIC RESEARCHER QUILTS, ISSUES DIRE WARNING

WASHINGTON

AN Anthropic researcher has resigned from the company citing fears that AI labs are building systems that could kill human life in just a few years. Jacob Coxon said in an X post on Wednesday morning that he is quitting Anthropic — as he had previously quit OpenAI — because these AI companies are gambling with lives in their rush to

improve superintelligence. "I resigned from Anthropic today. I spent the last three years doing pretraining research at both OpenAI and Anthropic. Neither company is acting responsibly," Coxon said. "They are racing straight to self-improving superintelligence and gambling with our lives."

Coxon warned against underestimating the power of AI systems — predicting that they would soon be able



to "hack anything, revolutionize any field overnight, and acquire real power and



resources". He went so far as to say that these superintelligent AI systems could end

humanity in the space of just a few years, and the people building them are aware of this. "The people building AI earnestly believe that it could kill us all by the end of the decade," the 27-year-old former Anthropic researcher warned. He claimed to have first-hand knowledge of senior AI researchers who are worried about artificial intelligence killing humanity, writing: "This is not a marketing stunt. If anything,

many executives and senior researchers will couch their phrasing in the press to sound sensible - but I hear the same people express fear privately." "No other human activity poses this level of danger," Coxon added.

The 27-year-old researcher said that Anthropic is well aware of the stakes, but wants to be the first to build an uncontrollable, self-improving AI system.

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Rs 300 cr sanctioned for roads ahead of Pushkaralu

HANS NEWS SERVICE
AMARAVATI

THE state government has sanctioned Rs 300 crore for the repair, renovation and development of roads and buildings (R&B) roads in six districts in preparation for the Godavari Pushkaralu-2027.

R&B minister B C Janardhan Reddy said the finance department had given im-

mediate approval for the funds following the directions of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. The works are aimed at providing safe, smooth and improved transportation facilities to the millions of devotees expected to attend the prestigious religious event.

The minister said 78 roads covering nearly 431 km would be developed in

East Godavari, West Godavari, Kakinada, Dr B R Ambedkar Konaseema, Polavaram and Eluru districts.

Of the total allocation, Rs 185.75 crore has been earmarked for 41 state highway (SH) projects covering about 275 km. Another Rs 114.25 crore will be spent on 37 key major district roads (MDRs) extending over nearly 155 km.

The government has accorded priority to restoring badly damaged roads and modernising key routes in and around the Godavari region. The works will be taken up on a priority basis to en-

- Govt clears Rs 300 cr to upgrade 431 km of R&B roads across six Godavari districts

- SH and MDR works fast-tracked to ease travel for millions during Pushkaralu-2027

- Priority on restoring damaged stretches, improving key routes and ensuring smooth pilgrim movement



sure better connectivity to important pilgrimage and bathing locations during the Pushkarams.

Janardhan Reddy said the government's objective was to ensure that devotees arriving from across the country do not face traffic congestion or travel difficulties.

The Rs. 300-crore investment would significantly improve the condition and appearance of R&B roads across the Godavari region, he added.

The minister said the road development programme reflected the coalition government's commitment to providing devotees with safe, comfortable and hassle-free transportation during Godavari Pushkarams-2027.

Paddy procurement preparations reviewed

District joint collector Apoorva Bharat reviews the arrangements at a District Procurement Committee meeting

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KAKINADA

DISTRICT Joint Collector Apoorva Bharat has directed officials to complete all advance arrangements within the stipulated time for smooth, transparent, and farmer-friendly paddy procurement during the Kharif 2026-27 season.

He reviewed the arrangements at a District Procurement Committee (DPC) meeting held at the Kakinada Collectorate on Wednesday. Officials from Agriculture, Civil Supplies, Cooperation, Legal Metrology, Marketing, Transport, FCI and APSWC, along with representatives of the Rice Millers Association, attended the meeting.

Apoorva Bharat directed officials to equip the proposed procurement centres at Rythu Seva Kendras (RSKs) and Paddy Procurement Centres (PPCs) with computers, printers, internet connectivity, weighing machines, moisture meters and other required infrastructure.

Officials were asked to inspect the centres personally before procurement begins and rectify any deficiencies. He instructed Agriculture and Cooperation officials to complete e-Crop, e-KYC and social audit processes within the prescribed time

frame, ensuring there were no discrepancies in farmers' Aadhaar, crop and variety details.

The joint collector ordered Legal Metrology officials to inspect weighbridges attached to rice mills and complete calibration and stamping.

Regular inspections should be conducted to prevent irregularities in weighing, he said.

He also directed officials to appoint adequate staff at procurement centres in advance and provide them with necessary training.

GPS-enabled vehicles should be identified and linked to RSKs and PPCs to ensure timely transportation of procured paddy to rice mills. Adequate gunny bags should be stocked in advance, while rice millers were asked to keep machinery, storage facilities, power supply and weighbridges ready.

Labour and Civil Supplies officials were directed to ensure sufficient Hamalis were available at procurement centres.

The joint collector made it clear that rice millers should be tagged with RSKs only after submitting valid e-BGs and the prescribed MoUs. He said the government's priority was to ensure that farmers faced no inconvenience during procurement.

ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT
SRI LAKMI VENKATESWARA SWAMY TEMPLE
Uyyalawada (V), Orvakal (M), Kumool (Dist)

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NIT.No.TTD-20022DY(GEN)/39/
2025-EE-XV-SEC. Dt: 16.05.2026
E-Tenders are invited through the e-Procurement portal for the **Laying of CC Road to Temple**. Interested bidders may visit the official website **www.aeprocurement.gov.in** for detailed information, eligibility criteria, and submission guidelines.
Executive Officer

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e-Procurement Tender Notification-7
Tenders for Civil work is invited for Tender No.21/2026-27 dated 09/09/2026 for 1 work: Last date/ time for submission of bids for Tender No.21/2026-27: 18/09/2026, 5.00PM.
For details, please visit **www.aeprocurement.gov.in**
Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER
DIPR Ro.No.5409PP/CL/ADVT/11/2021-22
Date: 09/09/2026

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
Panchayati Raj Engg. Department

e' Procurement Tender Notice
Online tenders are invited under e-procurement platform for 10 packages of 08 Roads & 02 Bridge works under PMGSY-IV Batch-I Grants with an Estimate Cost of Rs.2991.04 Lakhs in Anantapuramu District. Prospective bidders can download the tender schedules from 11.09.2026 to 25.09.2026. Further details visit **www.pmgstenders.gov.in** Ph.No.9440848996
Sd/- Superintending Engineer,
DIPR.R.O.No:21404/CL/ADVT/11/2021-22, Dt:09.09.2026
P.R., Ananthapuramu

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1	Number of Works	04 No's
2	Value of Works	Rs. 265.90 Lakhs
3	Down Load Starting Date	09.09.2026 @ 02.00 PM
4	Down load Ending date	16.09.2026 @ 03.00 PM

Note: Further details @ **www.ape.procurement.gov.in**
EE-Gwk or SE-Gwk (Contact No.9846933235) Sd/- For Commissioner

UNION BANK OF INDIA
KOTHURU Branch, Ph.: 9963923992
Kothuru, Indukurupeta Mandal, SPSR Nellore-524314

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (For Sale of Immovable Properties)
Sub: Notice of 30 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with the provision of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) /Co-obligant (s)/ Mortgageor(s) / Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Secured creditor, Union Bank of India, the Constructive possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer, will be sold through e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 13-10-2026**, for recovery of outstanding dues and other expenses due to the Union Bank of India, **Kothuru Branch, SPSR Nellore** from the following **Borrowers and Guarantors**.
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Borrower/Mortgageor: **Ms. Dabbugottu Om Venkata Sai Keerthi, Dio Dabbugottu Srinivasulu, Co-Applliant:** **Mrs. Dabbugottu Veera Kumari, Wio Dabbugottu Srinivasulu, Both are Residing at:** D.No:16-13-536, Sy No:1210, Plot No:70, Ward No:16/3, Balaram Nagar, Narayana Engineering College Road, Haranadapuram, Nellore-524003.
Outstanding Due:Rs.54,26,604.80 as on 31-05-2026 with further interest/charges there on

Description of the Property: All that part and parcel of RCC building at SPSR Nellore Registration District, Nellore Municipal Corporation limits, Nellore Bit-2 Area, Sy no 1210 of land was divided into approved layout plan plots by Director of Town Planning, Hyderabad, vide L.P.No 368/86, Municipal ward No 16/3, Near D.No 1299, in plot No 70, Haranadapuram measuring an extent of 46 ankanams or 307.694 Sq.mts and **Bounded by:** East: Land in Sy. No.1209, South: Site in Plot No:71, West: Layout Road, North: Site in Plot No.69

Reserve Price:2,65,00,000/- E.M.D:26,50,000/- Bid Increment Amt:Rs.2,65,000/-
Encumbrances known to the bank: NIL

Date & Time of E-Auction: 13-10-2026 from 12.00 NOON to 05.00 PM
(with 10 mins unlimited auto extensions)

For detailed terms and conditions of Auction Sale & Registration & login, Bidding Rules please visit the Website: **https://baanknet.com** and secured creditors website: **https://www.unionbankofindia.bank.in/auction-property/view-auction-property.aspx**
Date:02-09-2026, Place: Kothuru Sd/- Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India

UNION BANK OF INDIA
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Borrower/Mortgageor: **Mr. Pydala Venkata Ramanaih, S/o Pydala Prasad**
D.No.25-5-505, Near AC Nagar Post Office, Balaji Nagar, Nellore-524002
Guarantor: **Mr. Pydala Prasad, S/o Bujiah**
D.No.28-3-1709, Simhapuri Colony, Kisan Nagar, Mypadu Road, Nellore-524002
Outstanding Due:Rs.20,25,951.80 as on 31-07-2026 with further interest/charges there on

Description of the Property: Schedule-A: All that part and parcel of Residential flat in Sri Potti Srinamulu Nellore Registration District, Stonehousepet Sub-registration, Nellore Municipal Corporation Limits, Nellore Bit-II area Patta No.99, Sy. No.617 an extent of Ac.3-69 cents, Sy. No.618/A an extent of Ac.2-26 cents, Sy. No.618/B an extent of Ac.0-32 cents, Sy. No.618/C an extent of Ac.0-22 cents, Sy No.618/3 an extent of Ac.0-67 cents, Sy No.619/2 an extent of Ac.2-07 cents, Sy. No.619/1 an extent of Ac.0-16 ½ cents, Patta No.440, Sy No.620 an extent of Ac.0-10 cents a total 9-49 ½ cents out of an undivided extent of Ac.3-16 ½ cents of land laid layout into house plot, Balaji Nagar, Lakshmi Nagar Interior, ward No.27/2, near door No.1760, under layout plan, plot No.49 an extent of 33 ankanams and 24 Sq.ft and plot No.50 an extent of 33 ankanams and 24 Sq.ft a total 66 ankanams and 48 Sq.ft or 445.933 Sq.Mts of site.
Boundaries: East: Site in plot No.51, South: Site in plot Nos.80,81, West: Site in plot No.48, North: Layout Road.

Within these boundaries an extent of 66 ankanams and 48 Sq.ft or 445.933 Sq.Mts of site, in which an undivided extent of 5.90 ankanams or 47.20 Sq.yds of site with all easement rights (including common area) and with all easement rights.

Schedule-B: In the above Schedule total site "Susmitha Enclave" Apartment, in 3rd Floor, Flat No.401 measuring an extent of 1200 Sq.ft (including common area) along with car parking.

Boundaries: East: Open to Sky, South: Open to sky, West: Common Corridor to some extent, steps to some extent, lift to some extent, North:Open to sky.

Within these boundaries an extent of 1200 Sq.Ft (including common area) and with all easement rights.

Reserve Price: 25,00,000/- E.M.D:2,50,000/- Bid Increment Amt:Rs.25,000/-
Encumbrances known to the bank: NIL

Date & Time of E-Auction: 13-10-2026 from 12.00 NOON to 05.00 PM
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Date:31-08-2026, Place: Nellore Sd/- Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India

Soaring prices a burden on commoners: CPI

HANS NEWS SERVICE
GUNTUR

CPI national executive member Muppalla Nageswara Rao demanded that the government immediately reduce the prices of essential commodities, stating that the steep rise in prices is causing severe financial hardship to the common people. As part of the CPI state-wide agitation demanding control over the continuously rising prices of essential commodities, the Guntur City Committee of the CPI or-



CPI Guntur city committee taking out a protest rally on Wednesday

ganised a protest rally on Wednesday. The rally was taken out from Malliah Lingam Bhavan at Kothapeta to the Gandhi statue

at Himani Centre. Protesters carried the essential commodities around their necks as part of the demonstration. Speaking on

Digital mapping of Tirumala shops reviewed

TIRUMALA : TTD is developing a dedicated mobile app to map all shops, hotels and commercial establishments in Tirumala using advanced technology and to streamline licence monitoring.TTD Additional Executive Officer Ch Venkaiah Chowdary reviewed the app's progress with Amaravati Solutions representatives at Sudharma Meeting Hall in Tirumala on Wednesday.

The agency demonstrated features including a unified platform for shop details, licence information, expiry dates and precise location tracking through the App.

The Additional EO directed officials to ensure transparency, efficiency and comprehensive registration of all commercial establishments to improve service management.

TTD in-charge FA&CAO Ravi Prasad, Tirumala Estate Officer Venkateswarlu, CAO Venkata Ramana, in-charge IT GM Venkateswarlu Naidu, Amaravati Solutions representatives and other officials were present.



80% subsidy on alternative crop seeds

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VIJAYAWADA

IN view of the prevailing El Niño conditions and the associated rainfall deficit, the Agriculture Department has launched a Contingency Crop Plan to support farmers and encourage cultivation on lands that remain unsown during the current Kharif season. In a statement issued here on Wednesday, Director of Agriculture Dr Manazir Jeelani Samoon said seeds of short-duration and low-water-requiring alternative crops were being supplied to eligible farmers at an 80% subsidy under the contingency plan.

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KADAPA

DISTRICT Collector Dr Sridhar Cherukuri inaugurated 'Invest Kadapa' Centre at the Collectorate on Wednesday, aimed at transforming Kadapa into a major industrial, commercial and investment hub in South India.

The Collector said the

Kanthi Kiran Thamma named chef of the year finalist

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VIJAYAWADA

UK-based Telugu celebrity chef Kanthi Kiran Thamma, Chef and director of The Spice Circuit Ltd., Brighton, has been named a finalist in the Chef of the Year category at the BIH Spotlight Awards 2026. Chef Kanthi's selection follows an overwhelming response to his nomination in the nationwide recognition programme, with finalists chosen from more than 3,000 nominations across the UK hospitality industry. His achievement highlights his contribution to South Asian cuisine and the UK's diverse culinary landscape.

The Spice Circuit Ltd. was previously honoured with the Best South Asian Restaurant award at the BIH Spotlight Awards 2025, recognising its distinctive contribution to South Asian cuisine and hospitality.



Now in its fifth year, the BIH Spotlight Awards have attracted more than 1,000 attendees from across the UK and Ireland and recognised 60 winners. The awards also provide a platform for established professionals and emerging

talent in the hospitality sector.

Chef Kanthi's latest nomination adds to his growing recognition in the UK culinary industry and places him among leading chefs competing for the coveted Chef of the Year title.

The winners will be announced at a glittering ceremony at Quaglinòs, London, on October 12, 2026, in the presence of leading chefs, restaurateurs, hospitality professionals and food connoisseurs from across the UK and Ireland.

Chef Kanthi Thamma, born in Guntur and raised in Hyderabad, is an acclaimed chef and entrepreneur based in Brighton, UK. Over 12 years, his culinary ventures have earned numerous awards and international recognition. As a guest chef, he has represented South Indian, particularly Telugu, cuisine across Sweden, the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Italy and the USA.

Sri City opens extended central expressway to traffic

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SRI CITY

THE newly extended Central Expressway in Sri City was inaugurated and opened to traffic by DSP Srinivasulu on Wednesday, further strengthening connectivity and internal road infrastructure within the integrated business city. The 1-km-long extension, running from Panason-ic Company Road Junction to SOLUM India High-Tech plant, was formally dedicated to traffic in the presence of senior officials of Sri City.

Commenting on the development, Sri City MD Dr Ravindra Sannareddy said the road extension forms part of Sri City's ongoing efforts to enhance its internal transportation network and provide



DSP Srinivasulu inaugurating the Central Expressway Extension in the presence of senior Sri City officials on Wednesday

world-class infrastructure to its growing industrial and business ecosystem.

The newly opened stretch is expected to facilitate

smooth and free flow of vehicular traffic, while improving accessibility to industrial units and other facilities located along the corridor. The

extension will also contribute to more efficient movement of employees, goods and commercial vehicles within Sri City.

‘Invest Kadapa’ centre inaugurated

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KADAPA

DISTRICT Collector Dr Sridhar Cherukuri inaugurated 'Invest Kadapa' Centre at the Collectorate on Wednesday, aimed at transforming Kadapa into a major industrial, commercial and investment hub in South India.

The Collector said the

centre would provide end-to-end support to investors, from land identification and infrastructure details to statutory approvals and coordination with various government departments. A dedicated digital portal will provide information on available land, water, power and road connectivity on a single platform.

He said the initiative would support investments not only in industries but also in renewable energy, minerals, mining, tourism, commerce and real estate. Special focus would also be given to developing skilled manpower for industries through coordination with educational and technical institutions.

He also announced that 'Startup Kadapa' would soon be launched to encourage local youth, students and aspiring entrepreneurs. He expressed confidence that the combined initiatives would accelerate economic growth, attract investments and create more employment opportunities in the district.



Joint Collector Dr Nidhi Meena, Sub-Collector HS Bhavana, industrial-

ists, investors, entrepreneurs and officials participating in the programme.

Focus on devotee safety, facilities during Kanipakam Brahmotsavams

- Collector Sumit Kumar directs officials to ensure smooth conduct of the 21-day Brahmotsavams
- A modern fire safety vehicle and additional fire personnel will be deployed for the event

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CHITTOOR

COMPREHENSIVE arrangements being made for the annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy temple at Kanipakam, ensuring safety and convenience of devotees throughout the 21-day festival to be held from September 14 to October 4. District Collector Sumit Kumar reviewed the arrangements with officials at a meeting held on Wednesday



Chittoor district Collector Sumit Kumar, SP Tushar Dudi, Puthalapattu MLA K Murali Mohan and others at a review meeting in Kanipakam on Wednesday

at Kanipakam temple.

He instructed all departments to implement the decisions taken at the meeting without delay and work in coordination. Reducing waiting time for darshan, ensuring crowd safety and provid-

ing basic facilities to devotees should be given priority. Additional CCTV cameras and fire safety equipment would be installed, while roads, drinking water, electricity and lighting facilities would also be strengthened. Offi-

cials have also been asked to focus on infrastructure and other requirements around the gopuram, temple premises and nearby panchayats.

Puthalapattu MLA K Murali Mohan said every effort should be made to ensure that devotees do not face inconvenience or security issues during the festival. Priority would be given to common devotees throughout the 21-day celebrations. Three ambulances will be kept ready to respond to medical emergencies. A fire safety vehicle equipped with modern technology and additional fire personnel will also be deployed to deal with fire-related and other emergencies. Transport arrangements will receive special attention, particularly at night. A daily

bus service from Kanipakam to the district headquarters at 11.30 pm has been proposed to help devotees who may otherwise face difficulty finding transport. The MLA also said silk robes would be presented to Lord Vinayaka on behalf of the State government on Vinayaka Chavithi. District Superintendent of Police Tushar Dudi said adequate police personnel would be deployed on major festival days. A command control room would be set up at the temple, with police personnel working round the clock to manage security and crowd movement. Temple Executive Officer K Penchala Kishore, chairman V Surendrababu alias Mani Naidu, board members, and others attended the meeting.

Power system to be strengthened in Kuppam RESCO area: Lotheti

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TIRUPATI

APSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director Siva Sankar Lotheti announced measures to strengthen power supply infrastructure in Kuppam Rural Electric Co-operative Society (RESCO) area to meet rising electricity demand. Addressing a review meeting with DISCOM and RESCO officials here on Wednesday, the CMD said special focus is being given to develop infrastructure for providing better and quality power to consumers in Kuppam constituency, the Chief Minister's constituency. Emphasis is also being placed on promoting renewable energy.

Lotheti informed that rooftop solar systems have already been installed for SC and ST domestic consumers in Kuppam as per the government directions. Works are underway to install solar systems on 39,215 BC consumer households with monthly consumption below 200 units.

To ensure uninterrupted and quality power supply, 10 new 33/11 kV substations have been sanctioned in Kuppam constituency during the past year. Construction of seven substations is completed, while work on the remaining three is in progress. Efforts are underway to complete all RDSS scheme works at the earliest, he said. The CMD also directed officials to expedite feeder-



APSPDCL CMD Siva Sankar Lotheti addressing a review meeting in Tirupati on Wednesday

level solarisation works under PM-KUSUM scheme across nine districts. Solar parks with 751 MW capacity are being established at 146 locations, with land acquisition completed at 138 sites. Directors P Ayub Khan and K Guravaiah, SE S Amar Babu, RESCO MD S Soma Sekhar and others attended the meeting.



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Venkaiah Naidu calls for moral education in school

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NELLORE

FORMER Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu has urged governments to make moral education mandatory in schools, stressing the urgent need to instil cultural and ethical values in students from an early age.

Speaking in Venkatachalam during the silver jubilee celebrations of Swarna Bharat Trust (SBT), Naidu raised strong concerns over youth media consumption. He called for a ban on mobile phone use for students aged 16 to 18 years and advocated for legal restrictions to prevent them from maintaining social media accounts. Pointing out that social media is increasingly turning 'anti-social' and harming lives, he cited Australia's recent restrictions as a model for Indian Central and State governments to emulate through stringent legislation.

Reflecting on his public career, Venkaiah Naidu

Also suggests social media ban for teens



Former Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu addressing the media in Venkatachalam mandal on Wednesday

highlighted his tenure as Union Minister for Rural Development under the Vajpayee government. He cited Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), which brought all-weather roads to lakhs of villages, as one of his most satisfying achievements. With roughly 55% of India's population residing in rural areas, he emphasized that national progress is impossible without rural empowerment.

Venkaiah Naidu com-

mended the Swarna Bharat Trust, founded in 2001, for its 25 years of service through free medical camps, youth skill development, and women's empowerment. He added that he has always opposed dynastic politics, encouraging his children to serve society through philanthropy instead. Swarna Bharat Trust Managing Trustee Deepa Venkat, representatives of print and electronic media and Trust members attended the interaction.

MLA lays foundation for CC road construction



Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy laying foundation for the construction of CC road in Nellore rural constituency on Wednesday

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NELLORE

NELLORE Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy said that both Nellore city and rural constituencies would be further developed and led on the path of progress.

The MLA, along with TDP State spokesperson Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy, on Wednesday laid foundation stone for the construction of a cc road at Hare Krishna Nagar in 20 Division of Nellore Rural constituency at a cost of Rs19 lakh.

Speaking on the occasion, Sridhar Reddy said during the last two years, development in Nellore rural constituency has been taken up in large scale.

After the NDA coalition government assumed office, Rs 7.73 crore had been allocated for various development works in 20 Division, he said, informing that a total of 74 development works had been undertaken

in the division, aiming to improve basic infrastructure and civic amenities for residents.

MLA Sridhar Reddy appealed to people to vote for the coalition candidates in the forthcoming Nellore Municipal Corporation elections.

He called upon voters to ensure a one-lakh majority for the coalition's mayoral candidate and elect all 72 coalition candidates as corporators.

He said that with the blessings and support of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and Minister Nara Lokesh, efforts would continue to take Nellore Rural constituency further along the path of development.

Cluster in-charge Nookaraju Madan Kumar Reddy, co-cluster in-charge Khader Basha, local corporator Chejerla Mahesh Babu, 20 Division TDP president Dara Malli and others were present.

VSU delegation explores ocean science partnerships with ISA and NIOT

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NELLORE

A delegation from Vikrama Simhapuri University (VSU), led by Vice-Chancellor Prof Allam Srinivasa Rao, met with International Seabed Authority (ISA) Secretary-General Leticia Reis de Carvalho and NIOT Director Prof Balaji Ramakrishnan in Chennai on Wednesday. During the meetings, VSU leadership felicitated both dignitaries and discussed advancements in ocean science, deep-sea research, marine biology, and biodiversity conservation.

The discussions focused on expanding academic and research collaborations between



VSU and NIOT to strengthen future studies in marine technology and deep-sea exploration.

The delegation included Registrar Prof K Suneetha; Project co-coordinator, NIOT; Department of Marine Biology Prof Ch Vijaya; Head, Department of Marine Biology Prof M Hanuma Reddy; and faculty member Prof Ch Venkatarayulu.

70 families from TDP join YSRCP in Nellore



YSRCP senior leader Kakani Govardhan Reddy with 70 TDP families, who joined YSRCP in Nellore on Wednesday

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NELLORE

TDP suffered a major setback in Sarvepalli constituency as about 70 families from Kakarlavari Palem village in Venkatachalam mandal left the party and joined the YSR Congress Party on Wednesday.

Former Minister and party district president Dr Kakani Govardhan Reddy welcomed them into the party by offering party scarves at his residence in Nellore.

Govardhan Reddy said that TDP activists in large numbers joining the YSRCP was an indication of the

growing confidence among people in their party and its leadership. He said he was happy to welcome the 70 families from Kakarlavari Palem into the party.

He pointed out that TDP leaders and activists in the constituency were facing difficulties due to the alleged corruption and irregularities. He claimed that even people, who had supported TDP for decades, were now recalling the development and welfare programmes implemented during the tenure of former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. He predicted that more people are likely to join YSRCP in the coming days.

Tirupati police launch night security drive to safeguard pilgrims

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TIRUPATI

TO ensure the safety of over one lakh daily pilgrims, Tirupati district police have launched an intensive night-time security operation across the holy city and surrounding areas. District SP L Subba Rayudu personally led the drive on Tuesday night, conducting surprise inspections at critical locations to assess ground-level deployments, vehicle checks, and night patrols.

With high pilgrim footfall continuing long after sunset, special police teams now operate from 10 pm onwards, focusing on area domination, monitoring suspicious movements, and conducting random vehicle checks across Tirupati, Chandragiri, and key adjoining zones. Each zone is directly managed by a DSP reporting to the Additional SP, with real-time tracking coordinated through the district's central command



SP L Subba Rayudu and other police personnel participating in a surprise inspection in Tirupati

and control room to allow rapid deployment.

The security sweep targets sensitive installations, digital infrastructure sites, gathering spots, and late-night commercial venues operating past permitted hours. Police have also set up dedicated checkpoints to crack down on drunk driving, enforcing strict legal action against offenders who pose a threat to late-traveling devotees.

Key transit hubs and high-footfall locations—including the RTC Bus Stand, Railway Station area, Alipiri, TVS Showroom junction,

Group Theatre, and Leela Mahal—were thoroughly inspected under the ground execution of Additional SP Ravi Manoharachari, DSP Bhaktavatsalam, and Alipiri CI Ram Kishore.

Emphasising that devotee safety remains the department's top priority, SP Subba Rayudu stated that officers are working around the clock to maintain a secure environment. He warned that continuous surveillance is active throughout the city, and strict action will be taken against anyone threatening public safety or disrupting order.



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MADAN-NLR

FOR CHANGE OF DATE OF BIRTH OF MOTHER OF SERVING SOLDIER

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RAJENDRA-TPT

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WINDOWS

AIADMK to contest Madurantakam, Dharapuram bypolls

CHENNAI: The AIADMK will contest the upcoming Tamil Nadu Assembly by-polls in the Madurantakam and Dharapuram reserved constituencies, party sources said on Wednesday.

AIADMK senior leaders Agri SS Krishnamurthy, KP Munusamy, OS Manian, C Sreenivasan and other party leaders visited the Tamil Nadu BJP headquarters, Kamalalayam here on Tuesday to seek support from the safe-ron party.

The leaders met BJP state chief Nainar Nagendran. The senior leaders also convened a crucial meeting at the residence of AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami in Chennai to chart out electoral strategy for both constituencies.

Party sources on Wednesday said that the discussions focused on candidate selection, grassroots campaign mobilization, and allocation of election duties across the two constituencies to ensure a synchronised campaign effort ahead of the October 6 election. A senior party functionary from the AIADMK, seeking anonymity, said that the party would contest in both the constituencies with the support of its alliance. The bypolls were necessitated following the resignation of AIADMK legislators Maragatham Kumaravel (Madurantakam) and P Sathiyabama (Dharapuram) who later joined the ruling Tamil-laga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK).

As per the EC schedule, the filing of nominations will take place from September 9 to 16, scrutiny of the papers on September 17, and the last date for withdrawal is September 19. Following bypolls on October 6, votes will be counted on October 9.

DMK names candidates for Assembly by-polls

CHENNAI: The DMK on Wednesday announced its candidates for the upcoming Tamil Nadu assembly by-polls in the Madurantakam and Dharapuram reserved constituencies. An official release from the DMK headquarters here said I Paranthaman, joint secretary of the party legal wing and former Egmore MLA, would contest from Madurantakam (reserved). Similarly, S Suganya has been fielded from Dharapuram (reserved).

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has issued the notification for the by-polls, bringing the Model Code of Conduct into force in Madurantakam and Dharapuram constituencies.

Anbumani seeks strict enforcement of public smoking ban

CHENNAI: Expressing deep concern over a massive surge in fatalities linked to second hand smoke, PMK president Anbumani Ramadoss on Wednesday urged central and state governments to strictly enforce the ban on smoking in public places.

Citing a recent global medical study published in "The Lancet Public Health", Anbumani highlighted that passive smoking claimed 3,25,600 lives in India in 2023 alone and that represents a 49.56 per cent increase compared to 1990, when 2,17,700 deaths were recorded.

According to the study, mortality rates due to secondhand smoke rose by 61.74 per cent among men and 38.35 per cent among women. While the population exposed to passive smoking grew by only 18.40 per cent from 37.50 crore to 44.40 crore, the nearly 50 per cent jump in fatalities underscores the severity of the hazard.

"The primary reason for this alarming trend is the failure to curb public smoking. Innocent non-smokers, particularly women and children, suffer severe health consequences due to the irresponsible actions of others," Anbumani said in a statement.

Rajnath Singh's Lanka visit to resolve fishermen issue: BJP

First visit by an Indian Defence Minister to the island-nation in 38 years

CHENNAI

TAMIL Nadu BJP President Nainar Nagenthran on Wednesday said Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's official visit to Sri Lanka would strengthen regional maritime security and pave the way for a permanent solution to the issues faced by Tamil Nadu fishermen.

Highlighting the significance of the trip, Nagenthran said this was the first visit by an Indian Defence Minister to the island nation in 38 years, since K C Pant travelled to Sri Lanka in 1988.

Visits by Indian Defence ministers have been avoided due to sensitivities surrounding India's past military involvement

during Sri Lanka's civil war, even as administrative and diplomatic exchanges continued.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Colombo on Tuesday for a three-day official visit, he said in a statement.

The TN BJP leader said that the visit holds strategic importance given Sri Lanka's key position along

major international sea routes in the Indian Ocean.

Additionally, he said, the visit is expected to boost joint military exercises, including SLINEX and Mitra Shakti, enhance security at the Trincomalee oil tank farm, and increase training slots for Sri Lankan armed forces personnel at Indian defense institutions.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during a meeting with the Sri Lankan Prime Minister Hariri Amarasingura in Colombo on Wednesday

AIADMK chief flays TVK govt for negligence in paddy procurement

CHENNAI

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami on Wednesday strongly condemned the C Joseph Vijay-led TVK government for its negligence in paddy procurement, which resulted in crop damage and financial losses following sudden rains across Tamil Nadu.

In a statement, the former chief minister accused the four-month-old administration of deceiving all sections of the public. He stated there is a vast difference between the state government's words and actions.

"Thousands of paddy bags brought by farmers to direct procurement centres in various parts of the state, including Thanjavur, Mayiladuthurai, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Cuddalore, Erode, and Gobichettipalayam, have been left unprocured and piled up on roadsides," Palaniswami noted.

Due to the sudden rains, these bags have been completely soaked and ruined, causing financial losses to the hard-working farmers, he said. He recalled that despite



raising the issue of delayed procurement and sprouting of the harvested paddy grains during the previous Assembly session, the ministers concerned merely offered pacifying replies. They failed to take concrete administrative steps to protect the produce, he charged.

Highlighting the extent of agrarian distress, Palaniswami pointed out that recent sudden downpours in core Delta districts such as Tiruvarur and Nagapattinam have severely submerged agricultural crops cultivated on approximately 2,000 acres.

Citing specific regional damages, the statement outlined the following losses: In Mayiladuthurai district, areas including Nallathukudi, Valuvur, and Kolangudi, around 20,000 paddy bags were damaged. In Cuddalore district, areas like Virudhachalam and Rajendrapa-

tnam, about 10,000 paddy bags suffered damage. In Kanchipuram district near Salavakkam and Melpuramanallur, approximately 20,000 paddy bags were ruined. In Chengalpattu district, at the Achirupakkam and Thozhuppedu open procurement centres, around 50,000 metric tonne of paddy were soaked in the rain.

The AIADMK chief also heavily slammed the state government for its failure to release Cauvery water on time for Kuruvai cultivation. This inaction prevented farmers from completing agricultural cycles, thereby breaking the promise to fully procure cultivated crops.

Taking a broader dig at the TVK administration, Palaniswami claimed the state's law and order situation is rapidly deteriorating. He accused the inexperienced government of being paralysed and clueless about operating the administrative machinery. "People have begun to realise that this fake government neither has the intellect to listen to others nor its own intellect to function," he said.

TVK-led meet names alliance as 'Secular Social Justice Victory Front'

CHENNAI

A meeting of the post-poll allies of Tamil Nadu's ruling TVK on Wednesday named the front led by it as the "Secular Social Justice Victory" alliance and unanimously elected Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay as the leader of the alliance.

The meeting led by Vijay also deliberated fielding candidates in the bypolls to be held on October 6 in the state for two constituencies, which will be the first acid test for the ruling TVK.

TVK senior leader and Public Works Minister Aadhav Arjuna, briefing reporters after the meeting, said that the alliance under the leadership of his party has been formed up and it is not for firms alone. It is an ideology-based alliance for the sake of people which upholds the ideals of reformist icons Periyar EV Ramasamy, Dr BR Ambedkar and Dravidian stalwart C N Annadurai, he said.

"Wherever secularism and social justice are there, vic-

VIJAY ELECTED LEADER



From left Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) leader K.M. Kader Mohideen, Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK) general secretary Vaiko, Tamil Nadu CM and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay, Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) president Manickam Tagore and Viduthala Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) president Thol Thirumavalavan pose during a meeting of the ruling government alliance in Chennai on Wednesday

tory is always there and it is for the people," Arujna said. On the Left parties not signing up for the alliance, he said: "We have a lot of respect for the Left parties." Further, he expressed confidence that "hearts of the Left parties would continue to stay with the alliance," and they

would continue to support the TVK-led government.

This was the second meeting of the post-poll allies of the TVK and it went on for about an hour and a half. The Left parties that did not take part in the first coordination meeting as well held in July. Congress, VCK and IUML

are part of the government. Left parties support the government from the outside. The MDMK is also a post-poll ally. In the 234-member-strong Assembly, TVK won 108 seats -- short of a simple majority -- and formed the government with the support of post-poll allies.

The name of the alliance -- Secular Social Justice Victory Front -- itself speaks volumes about the ideals and agenda of the combine and all parties that fight for the rights of the state are part of the alliance, Tagore said, adding the TVK-led front will function from Tamil Nadu and Pudukcherry. "The alliance will be robust and candidates will be announced for the bypolls tomorrow and we will work for the victory of the alliance candidates," Tagore said.

IUML top leader Kader Mohideen said a "new history" has been created as this is the first time, a coalition government is in place in Tamil Nadu. In all the polls to be held, the constituents of the TVK-led alliance will work together for victory, he said.

Family refuses to accept body, alleges 'honour killing' in student's death

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MADURAI

THE family and relatives of a Class 11 student whose body was found with injuries near a sewage pumping station in Anaiyur protested on Wednesday, refusing to accept his mortal remains. They demanded a comprehensive probe into the suspected murder, including the possible "honour killing" angle.

The victim, Tamizhselvan, a student at a government-aided school in Arapalayam, Madurai, had gone missing on Sunday morning after informing his mother that he was going to play cricket.

When he did not return by evening, his mother Yogalakshmi and relatives searched for him before lodging a missing person complaint at the Koodal Pudur police station. On Monday, the boy's body was recovered from a puddle amid thorny bushes at an isolated spot near a sewage pumping station on Abdul Kalam Street in Anaiyur. The Koodal Pudur police initially registered a case of suspicious death and launched an investigation, collecting forensic evidence and examining CCTV footage from the locality. According to family members, Tamizhselvan was friendly with a schoolgirl from another community in the neighbourhood.

A few days before the in-



Tamizhselvan

cident, the girl's father had reportedly confronted and warned him against speaking to her and asked where he lived. Based on these circumstances, the family suspected foul play and alleged that it could be a case of honour killing.

Agitated over the death, the student's family initially staged a demonstration outside the government hospital mortuary, refusing to accept the body and alleging contradictions in statements given by persons identified through CCTV footage.

The agitation intensified as members of the joint action forum, "Tamizhselvan Neethikkaana Kootu Iyakam", along with the family, staged a protest near the Thiruvalluvar statue in Madurai.

The protesters demanded that the police thoroughly examine all available evidence, including CCTV footage, mobile phone call records, letters recovered during the investigation, the video recording of the post-mortem and forensic medical reports, to determine the circumstances of his death and whether it involved an honour-killing angle. Tamil Nadu Congress Committee former President K Selvaperunthagai posted a statement on X expressing shock over the incident.

"What is the background of this brutal incident that snatched the life of a young student? How did the student die? Who attacked him? Who else is involved in this incident?" Selvaperunthagai, whose party is part of the ruling alliance, asked. He urged the police to act swiftly and conduct an impartial investigation to uncover the truth, free from political interference or influence.

Hooch tragedy: TNCC chief seeks action against negligent officials

CHENNAI

EXPRESSING serious concern over the findings of the Justice P Gokuldas Commission report on the 2024 Kallakurichi hooch tragedy, TNCC president Manickam Tagore, on Wednesday urged Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay to take stern action against negligent officials and investigate whether the illicit liquor business had any political patronage.

In a statement, the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee chief highlighted the findings of the inquiry commission, which investigated the deaths of 70 people after they consumed illicit liquor in Kallakurichi between June 17 and June 20, 2024.

He said the commission's report, recently tabled in the



Legislative Assembly, concluded that the tragedy was primarily caused by the failure of officials to discharge their duties properly.

According to the report, which was prepared after the commission examined 433 people in connection with the illicit liquor trade, the failure of successive governments to effectively implement the prohibition policy since 1971 had contributed to widespread alcohol addiction, he said.

"The substantial price difference between legal TAS-

MAC liquor and illicit brew forced poor and vulnerable sections to turn to cheap bootleg alcohol, resulting in the loss of many lives," he claimed. On the commission's welfare recommendations, Tagore noted that while the previous government had provided Rs 10 lakh in compensation to the families of the victims, the state government must now extend humanitarian assistance to children who lost their fathers.

He urged the government to provide these children with food, housing, educational assistance and government jobs. Tagore emphasised that long-term social relief for the people of Tamil Nadu could be achieved only by swiftly freeing the state from the grip of alcohol addiction.

PMK chief opposes Pattinapakkam site for new Secretariat

CHENNAI

PMK President Anbumani Ramadoss on Wednesday urged the Tamil Nadu government to abandon plans to build a new Secretariat complex at Pattinapakkam in the state capital.

Instead, he demanded the creation of an integrated administrative city spanning 500 to 1,000 acres outside the state capital to meet governance needs for the next century.

Reacting to media reports suggesting that the proposed Rs 1,200 crore, 20-lakh square feet Secretariat and Legislative Assembly complex announced by Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay would come up on a 26.36-acre parcel of land in Pattinapakkam, Anbumani, in a statement, termed the move "shortsighted."

"While the need for a modern Secretariat in

Demands satellite administrative city



Tamil Nadu is beyond dispute, establishing it at Pattinapakkam will cause more harm than good," PMK leader said. He cited severe traffic congestion along Santhome High Road and Greenways Road, which are already heavily strained despite the construction of a loop road. Adding a massive government complex near densely populated hubs,

major schools, and the Santhome Church would choke traffic in the area, he warned. The former union minister further pointed out that 26.36 acres would be grossly inadequate once mandatory FSI compliance, green space allocation, fire stations, emergency medical units, parking facilities, and public transit links are accounted for.

"Building it on a re-

Vijay to make first official foreign visit, travel to London via Dubai

CHENNAI

CHIEF Minister C Joseph Vijay will embark on his first official foreign visit, travelling to London via Dubai on a week-long tour, sources said. According to preliminary information, the CM will depart from Chennai International Airport at 10 pm on Thursday aboard Emirates commercial flight EK 547 to Dubai, from where he will continue to London.

A high-level delegation comprising state government officials, departmental secretaries and personal aides will accompany the CM during the tour. An advance security team and personal assistants have already left for Dubai to coordinate arrangements.

The visit has been organised by the state's

Industries Department. As it is an official state mission, the entire expenditure for the overseas trip will be borne by the Tamil Nadu government through the Industries department.

Notably, while Vijay has conventionally used chartered flights for his tours within India, he will travel on a scheduled commercial flight for the overseas visit. Ahead of his departure, a multi-agency security and protocol review meeting was held at 11 am on Wednesday at the Chennai Airport reception complex.

Senior officials from various departments and security agencies attended the meeting, which reviewed security arrangements and other logistics for the CM's departure.

Financial mismgt cost state PSUs Rs 3,299 crore: CAG

CHENNAI: WIDESPREAD financial mismanagement, tender irregularities and governance deficits across Tamil Nadu's State Public Sector Enterprises resulted in compliance-related financial implications of Rs 3,298.75 crore, a CAG report has revealed.

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, in its Compliance Audit Report on Commercial Enterprises for the year ended March 31, 2023, noted that 22 public sector undertakings had suffered complete erosion of capital. The report was tabled in the State Legislative Assembly on September 8.

The report primarily covers the accounts of SPSEs for the financial year 2022-23. It also includes observations relating to earlier years that could not be reported previously.

According to the report, the combined net worth of the 22 enterprises was negative at Rs 1,93,132.98 crore against an equity capital of Rs 33,263.46 crore.

Iran conflict escalates; India must respond appropriately

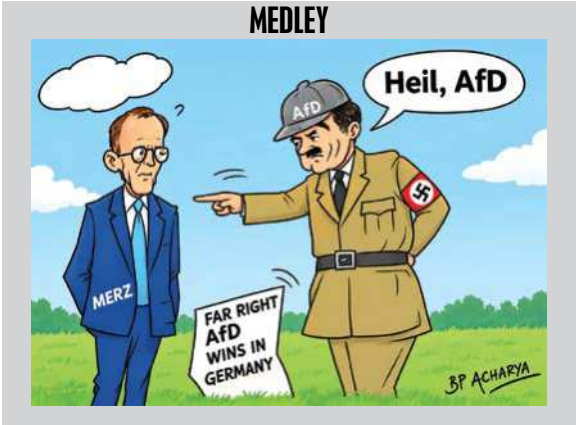
IF there is one region that is perennially in turmoil, it is the Middle East. A cocktail of factors—religious conflicts, disputes between superpowers, and, of course, oil—keeps it in the news all the time. After a full of a few weeks, with Washington focusing on economic strangulation rather than kinetic action, the region has heated up again, as the US military struck five Iranian oil tankers on Tuesday. This happened, according to the US Central Command (CENTCOM), “after the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) targeted a US Navy warship with ballistic missiles twice over the past two days.” The US warship successfully evaded the attempted Iranian attacks and continued to patrol regional waters. No American

personnel were harmed, it added. There is also a report of Iran firing about 20 ballistic missiles towards Jordan, targeting two US military bases. Meanwhile, the pro-Tehran Houthis in Yemen have also launched ballistic missiles toward Israel. They also launched a wave of attacks on Saudi Arabia on Tuesday, wounding over 70 people and igniting fires at oil facilities and utilities in the kingdom. Tensions seem to be escalating. It looks like conflict will stay that way for some time. The reason is that US President Donald Trump is unwilling to fight the war all-out, with American troops on the ground. This is in tune with his opposition to the ‘forever wars’ that the US has fought many a time. His core base, the MAGA crowd,

hates America’s wars in faraway lands, gobbling up resources and killing young soldiers. Besides, his party, the Republican Party, must face midterm elections soon. At the same time, Trump doesn’t want to let Iran off the hook. Hence the blow-hot-and-cold nature of the ongoing war in the Middle East. The escalation has affected crude prices, which hit a six-week high. Brent futures are touching the \$100 mark. Owing to our heavy dependence on crude imports, the government has changed the composition of its top five suppliers, with Brazil and Venezuela replacing the US and Nigeria. Russia, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) stay the top crude sellers.

The government must chalk out short, middle, and long-term strategies to end or at least curtail the country’s excessive dependence (around 88 per cent) on imported crude. In the short term, the priority should be to diversify sources of supply, build adequate strategic petroleum reserves, and maintain flexibility in purchasing crude from different markets so that geopolitical disruptions do not immediately translate into domestic price shocks. The government should also strengthen bilateral energy partnerships with major oil-producing countries and explore long-term contracts at competitive prices. In the medium run, India needs to accelerate the transition towards cleaner and more efficient sources of energy. Greater

investment in electric vehicles, public transport, biofuels, natural gas, solar and wind power can gradually reduce the demand for imported petroleum. At the same time, domestic exploration and production should be encouraged through stable policies, faster clearances and appropriate incentives, without compromising environmental safeguards. The long-term answer lies in reducing the economy’s structural dependence on fossil fuels. India must expand renewable energy, battery storage, green hydrogen, and other emerging technologies. A broader and more resilient energy mix would not only reduce the import bill but also protect the economy from wars, sanctions, and volatile global oil prices



LETTERS

Delhi PGs are deathtraps

THIS is further to ‘Delhi building collapse was waiting to happen’ (THI Sept 9). The Satya Niketan building collapse in the national capital that has been the PG for students studying in the Delhi University was so pathetic to watch which proved to be a virtual death trap for students with big expectations to make big in life. Similar incidents of fire accidents and building collapse are happening in Delhi NCR, resulting in no follow up action being taken to prevent such tragedies from happening. It is reported that ten or more buildings have been earmarked for demolition in the area, which is a positive development. Meanwhile, there must be a thorough check of PGs in Delhi to assess their structural health, and other safety precautions. The vulnerable ones must be declared unsafe. The Delhi University, on its part, must create more hostel accommodations for students whose numbers are growing every year.

K R Parvathy, Mysuru

Preventive measures must be the norm

Apopen, the Satya Niketan tragedy is painfully predictable, and the response is equally predictable. Politicians express shock, officials promise inquiries, FIRs are filed, and then everyone moves on until the next tragedy. This pattern has repeated itself far too many times. The heart of the problem is that urban governance remains a low priority for our leaders, who are busy with populist schemes and emotive distractions. Illegal constructions flourish, often with the tacit approval of those in power. We cannot keep treating safety as an afterthought. What we need is continuous enforcement, transparent building approvals, regular structural audits, and real accountability for officials and politicians who allow violations. Students and citizens deserve better than a system that only acts after lives are lost. Prevention must finally become the norm.

K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

Building safety is a collective responsibility

THIS refers to “Delhi building collapse was waiting to happen”. Building safety cannot be ensured by municipal officials alone. Residents, tenants, landlords and local associations also have an important role in identifying warning signs such as cracks, water seepage, unauthorised extensions and damaged structural members. Delhi could establish a simple complaint system through which photographs and location details can be submitted and tracked until action is taken. Municipal authorities should publish inspection outcomes and deadlines for corrective measures. Public awareness programmes can also help residents understand when a building requires professional assessment. Such participation would make safety a continuous community responsibility rather than a matter left entirely to government agencies. Prevention becomes more effective when citizens can see that their complaints lead to timely action.

S P Suganya Devi, Coimbatore

Trafficking menace not among govt priorities

THE ‘Silent auction of innocence’ (THI Sept 9) piece by Nomula Srinivas Rao reflects a system that has accepted its failure. Traffickers move children across states, while the rescued victims are dumped into underfunded shelters, and often re-trafficked. If the state can build surveillance for elections, it can trace missing children. The problem is not technology, but non-prioritisation. Until we have real legislation, inter-state data sharing, and proper support, we are tending to look the other way.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

Cabinet decides to reintroduce students’ elections in varsities, colleges

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Cabinet on Wednesday decided to reintroduce students election in the universities and colleges, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara said. Political parties will not be allowed to take part in these elections, he said. “Student elections were earlier held in colleges but were subsequently banned. We have now decided to reintroduce elections in universities and colleges,” Parameshwara briefed reporters after the cabinet meeting. He explained that in each college, there will be one student president, two vice-presidents, including one woman, one general secretary, two joint secretaries, including one woman, and an executive committee of six members, including two women. There will be no reservation in these elections as the government does not want to promote caste-based elections among students, the Deputy CM said. The detailed modalities regarding when and how the elections will be held will be decided later, he added. Parameshwara clarified that the students’ elections are not mandatory for colleges and it can happen only if students want it. “If students don’t want it, they can decide not to have it. The management cannot decide.

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Raising a toast to the mesmerising culinary art



Cooking is the art, science, and craft of preparing, heating, and combining raw ingredients to make them safe, digestible, and flavoury; a vital life skill that directly impacts our health, saves money, builds self-reliance, and connects us to different cultures.

Culinary art is the professional discipline and creative practice of preparing, cooking, and presenting. Serving food is a creative form of expression.

The practice of preparing safe, tasty and nutritious meals, and the need to consume simple, fresh and healthy food together with seasonal vegetables and fruits, has been connected with spiritual matters in various faiths across the world, including Hinduism, Christianity, Islam and Greek.

And, according to Greek mythology, Prometheus, the Titan, while not a cook himself, stole fire from Mount Olympus and gave it to humanity. By doing so, he taught mortals how to use fire to cook food and transition from raw diets to civilization.

Among the well-known practitioners of the culinary art are Gordon Ramsay and Sanjeev Kapoor.

In the books of the inimitable P G Wodehouse, Anatole is the supremely skilled

French chef, who is described as ‘God’s gift to gastric juices’.

Many people are known to be fond of good and tasty food. In that sense, a ‘gourmet’ is one who appreciates high-quality, sophisticated food, drink, or who judges fine culinary experiences. In a similar sense, ‘foodies’ is a person who has an enthusiastic, refined, or passionate interest in food, eating it not just out of hunger, but as a hobby or lifestyle.

This is perhaps why there is the famed saying, “the way to a man’s heart is through his stomach”, meaning that cooking delicious food is a good way to win someone’s love and affection

Mythologies of various cultures in the world contain references to famous persons who excelled in culinary art. In Mahabharat, Bheema is known to be a great cook. In fact, when the Pandava princes need to remain incognito for a whole year and are forced to seek shelter in the court of King Virata, Bheema chooses to don the guise of a cook. Meanwhile, Nala, who ruled the Nishada Kingdom, is renowned not only for his valour and wisdom, but also his mastery of the culinary arts.

A good, tasty, nutritious, and balanced spread is recommended across cultures. In the western countries, a 7-course meal is a structured fine-dining experience where seven distinct dishes are served sequentially in a specific order to guide and balance the diner’s palate.

Likewise, in Indian tradition and Ayurveda, there is the term ‘Pancha Bhakshya’ which describes a complete and balanced meal or a grand royal feast, which, when paired with ‘Paramanna’ or sweet rice pudding, repre-



sents a feast that satiates all the five senses and aids proper digestion.

As one looks around the various regions of the world, including India, one encounters many a specific style, method or manner of cooking typical of that place.

Chinese cuisine is known for its diverse culinary tradition, encompassing distinct, regional styles, historical influences and fundamental flavour profiles developed across the country’s geographical landscape.

Rice is the primary staple in the southern and semi-tropical regions while wheat, millet and barley dominate the dryer, northern climates. Dishes frequently build flavours using aromatics and seasonings that are known to be high in protein content.

Mexican cuisine, on the other hand, is celebrated for the ingredients of corn, fresh chilies, avocados, and is fa-

mous for the recognition accorded by UNESCO.

Another example is that of French cuisine, which is defined by foundational cooking techniques, fine pastries, sauces, and local cheeses.

Yet another example is the Italian variety, known for fresh Mediterranean ingredients, pasta, and regional pizzas ranked highly on global food lists which feature iconic national dishes, top-rated recipes, and culinary staples from every corner of the planet

And Indian cuisine is acclaimed for spice blends, vegetarian options and distinct regional variations.

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Just as in the case of music, dance, sports and games or literature, every nation has its favourite dish. Many such delicacies have gained popularity across the world. The Pad Thai, a stir-fried rice noodle dish from Thailand, with its sweet, salty, and sour flavours certainly ranks high in that list. For those who are meat eaters, the Italian Carbonara Pasta, with pork, eggs, cheese, and black pepper would be a close competitor. Not far behind is the Haee of England, the Beef Poh of Vietnam and the Taco Adobada of Mexico.

and sour flavours certainly ranks high in that list. For those who are meat eaters, the Italian Carbonara Pasta, with pork, eggs, cheese, and black pepper would be a close competitor. Not far behind is the Haee of England, the Beef Poh of Vietnam, and the Taco Adobada of Mexico. Also, figuring in the list not for taste, but for popularity and following, is the omnipresent Burger of the USA. Not to be left far behind is the traditional Japanese dish sushi. And, as far as India is concerned, everyone knows that the all-time favourites from different parts of the country, but enjoyed by everyone are butter chicken, biryani, masala dosa, pav bhaji, rasagolla and gulab Jamun. Incidentally, many phrases and idioms relating to the practice of cooking find application in the English language. We have the idiom ‘in a soup’ meaning to be in a difficult, awkward or troublesome situation; ‘half baked’ stands for an idea or plan which has not been fully thought out; a ‘flash in the pan’; ‘out of the frying pan into the fire’; ‘soup to toothpick’ or ‘soup to nuts’, stands for the complete sequence of events in a full meal.

A cookbook or cookery

book is a culinary reference work that contains a collection of recipes and instructions for food preparation. Cookbooks serve as comprehensive guides that may include cooking techniques, ingredient information, nutritional data, and cultural context related to culinary practices.

The pleasures of good spread have often been the subject matter of praise in poetry, prose and cultures across the world. Perhaps the most popular among them is the amazing variety and dimension of the dishes prepared for a royal wedding in the yesteryear runaway cult Telugu movie Maya Bazaar.

Bob Hope, the well-known American comedian, actor, entertainer and producer, acts as a hunter in one of his movies titled ‘Call me Bwana’. In one scene, his mother-in-law prepares breakfast for both and serves it to him. Noting his expression after tasting one morsel of the food, she exclaims that, after all, she is an interior decorator and not a cook. And Bob wryly retorts, “Just think what you are doing to mine!”

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Reservation must reach the last person: Reform, don’t abolish



REKHA BOYAPALLI

INDIA needs a more intelligent affirmative-action architecture: preserve protection against discrimination but deliberately widen first access to families and communities still waiting for opportunity. India’s affirmative-action journey predates the Republic. In 1902, Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj of Kolhapur reserved 50 per cent of government posts for backward classes, recognising that formal equality meant little when entire communities lacked access to education, administration and power. After Independence, B R Ambedkar and the Constitution gave this principle a durable democratic framework: equality sometimes requires corrective measures where history has produced structural exclusion.

Reservation is not a poverty scheme:

Reservation should not be confused with poverty alleviation. Its central purpose is social

inclusion, representation and protection against entrenched discrimination. A family may gain education or a government job and still encounter caste identity in workplaces, housing, social networks and marriage. One successful generation therefore cannot automatically be treated as proof that discrimination has disappeared.

Who is still waiting?

At the same time, supporters of reservation must confront an uncomfortable question: are the benefits circulating widely enough within eligible groups? Families that have already acquired education, information and networks can often compete more effectively, while a first-generation student from a deprived family may never reach the starting line. The answer is neither to stigmatise repeat beneficiaries nor to abolish reservation. It is to improve its distribution.

A first-opportunity window:

A pragmatic reform would create a ‘first opportunity’ window within the existing reservation categories. Around 25–35 per cent of opportunities should be prioritised for first-time or first-generation beneficiary families. If adequate candidates are unavailable, those opportunities should flow back to the wider



parent category rather than remain vacant. Previous beneficiaries would not suddenly lose all protection; instead, the system would ensure that a meaningful share reaches families that have never received its benefits.

Apply deprivation measures across categories:

The same logic can travel upward across the opportunity structure. Rural or remote schooling, low family income and assets, parental education, first-generation graduate status and poor access to quality schools can disadvantage candidates even outside caste-reserved categories. These factors should supplement—not replace—caste-based safeguards. A transparent opportunity or deprivation index could operate horizontally across categories, because a wealthy rural household and a poor urban household cannot sensibly be treated as identical simply by geography.

Political representation also needs circulation:

The principle should also inform political representation. Within constitutionally reserved political opportunities, India should debate mechanisms that encourage first-generation political entrants and sections that remain under-represented, rather than allowing representation to become concentrated in a small set of political families or networks. A 25–30 per cent first-opportunity principle deserves serious study here too, although any such mechanism would require careful constitutional and legislative design.

Beyond endless sub-caste fragmentation:

The Supreme Court’s 2024 Davinder Singh decision opened constitutional space for sub-classification within Scheduled Castes (SCs). That can help governments address unequal access, but India should be cau-

Policy notes: The suggested 25–35 per cent first-opportunity window and deprivation index are proposals for public debate, not current law. Political implementation would require constitutional and legislative scrutiny.

tionous about answering every inequality by permanently multiplying caste compartments. Policy should increasingly ask measurable questions: Who has received opportunities? Who remains excluded? Which families are first-generation entrants? Where is representation still weakest? The goal should be circulation of opportunity, not permanent social fragmentation.

Reform is better than ‘reservation hatao’:

The August anti-reservation mobilisation around Jantar Mantar reflects genuine public dissatisfaction, including demands for greater attention to economic disadvantage. Such concerns deserve democratic debate. But abolishing caste-based affirmative action because its benefits may be unevenly distributed would confuse a problem of design with a failure of purpose. The answer to imper-

fect affirmative action is better affirmative action.

Make reservation less necessary:

The ultimate success of reservation should be measured by whether society gradually needs less of it. That requires far more than quota engineering. India must equalise school quality, enforce anti-discrimination norms in employment and housing, weaken caste barriers in marriage and social networks, and reduce unnecessary caste signalling in routine public life—while retaining caste data where needed to measure exclusion and enforce rights. A mature policy should neither romanticise reservation nor demonise its beneficiaries. It should keep opening doors until birth no longer determines opportunity.

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Union Cabinet okays ₹20,804-crore railway projects across 9 states

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Five projects worth around Rs 10,021 crore have been approved across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The projects will add around 540 km to the railway network and cover 17 districts, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

The projects include the third and fourth lines between Arakkonam and Renigunta, third and fourth lines between Whitefield and Bangarapet, doubling of the Hosur-Omalur section, doubling of the Salem-Karur-Dindigul section, and 110 km of multitracking between Secunderabad (Ghatkesar) and Kazipet.

The projects are expected to improve connectivity to around 2,121 villages with a combined population of about 52 lakh. The government said they will also strengthen connectivity to destinations including Tirupati, Kolar Gold Fields, Mettur Dam, the Kodaikanal Hills and Sathyamangalam Wildlife Sanctuary.

The southern projects are expected to support incremental freight movement of around 47 million tonne per annum (MTPA).

The government estimates that they could reduce oil imports by about 80 million litres and carbon dioxide emissions by around 420 million kg.

The remaining three projects, worth Rs 10,783 crore, will be implemented across West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. They comprise the fourth line between Kharagpur and Jharsuguda (Bagdehi), the fourth line between Katni and Pendra Road, and the third line between Bilaspur (Uslapur) and Pendra Road.

These projects will add around 656 km to the railway network and cover 14 districts. They are expected to improve connectivity to around 4,790 villages with a combined population of nearly 56 lakh, while also easing congestion and improving line capacity.

The additional infrastructure is expected to strengthen connectivity to tourist destinations including Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Amarkantak Temple, Achanakmar Tiger Reserve and Ratanpur Mahamaya Temple. The routes are also important freight corridors for commodities such as coal, cement, iron and steel.

The three projects are expected to enable incremental freight movement of around 27 MTPA. They could also reduce oil imports by around 120 million litres and carbon dioxide emissions by about 620 million kg, according to the government.

14 people killed in Syria blast

SARMADA (SYRIA): An explosion at a weapons warehouse in northwestern Syria killed at least 14 people and injured 11 others, state media reported Wednesday, citing the Health Ministry. The cause of the blast near the town of Sarmada, in Idlib province, was not immediately clear.

‘AI could kill us all by end of decade’

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“At OpenAI, many have not deeply internalized the civilizational stakes. At Anthropic, the stakes are well-understood,” he claimed.

He added that Anthropic, despite understanding the dangers, is “locked in a race to get there first - they believe no one else will act responsibly, so they must do it themselves, despite the risk.”

Lokesh lights 53 candles to mark Naidu’s arrest

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He said the episode demonstrated that the support of the people remained the ultimate strength and safeguard for both Chandrababu and the Telugu Desam Party.

The TDP has been observing the anniversary as a reminder of Chandrababu’s arrest

and subsequent 53-day detention, portraying the episode as an example of political persecution during the previous YSRCP regime. Lokesh expressed confidence that the continued support of the people would protect Chandrababu and strengthen the TDP in the political battles ahead.

TTD announces first-of-its-kind insurance cover for devotees

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TTD Executive Officer M Ravichandra and other senior officials attended the meeting.

Explaining the board decisions after the meeting, the Chairman and EO said the measures were aimed at strengthening pilgrim welfare, improving employee benefits and advancing environmental initiatives.

The board also enhanced the insurance compensation for devotees who die in accidents from Rs 3 lakh to Rs 10 lakh. It approved medical facilities under the Employees Health Fund (EHF) for employees covered by the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and Modified Contributory Scheme (MCS), bringing them on par with those covered under the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). Salary revisions for em-

ployees belonging to 48 categories were also approved.

In a move aimed at promoting sustainable waste management, the board approved a proposal to convert food waste generated at the Annarasadam complex, canteens and hotels into biogas. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has offered to undertake the conversion using a water hydrolysis process. The TTD approved handing over the operation of the biogas plant to GPS Renewables at a cost of Rs 2.80 crore.

With the anticipated rush during peak periods, the TTD has also sent proposals to the government seeking approval for 400 additional outsourcing posts to accelerate laddu production. The board sanctioned Rs 1.60 crore for three years towards transportation charges for

Gujarat team lauds natural farming transformation in AP

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A Gujarat team visiting Andhra Pradesh to study the Andhra Pradesh Community-managed Natural Farming (APCNF) approach has appreciated the visible transformation in farmers’ fields, particularly in crop diversity, biodiversity, soil health and income opportunities.

The team visited Guntur district on Wednesday to study natural farming practices implemented by Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS). After interacting with farmers and observing various field models, the team said the shift from chemical farming

to natural farming had resulted in healthier crops, greater biodiversity, diversified cropping systems and improved livelihood opportunities.

The Gujarat delegation comprised Achyut Kumar Hasmukhbhai Patel, Dixit Babulal Patel, Hitesh Jamnadas Vora, Jaydeepsingh Ratansingh, Ratilal Vitthalbhai Shethia, Vanrajsingh Dilipsingh Chauhan, Prafullbhai Mansukhbhai Thakor, Nikunj Singh Hendrasingh Thakor, Bhikhabhai Hirabhai Bhutka and Dilipsingh Solanki.

APCNF representatives Krishna Rao, team leader, NRO Unit; Dada-peer, project executive, NRO; and Rajakumari, district project manager,



The Gujarat team visits a natural farming field at Pidamarthi in Guntur district on Wednesday

Guntur, accompanied the delegation and explained the natural farming approach, field-level implementation and different models being promot-

ed in the state. The team first visited Vijay Kumar’s POP model at Pidamarthi, where around 35 crop and plant varieties are grown on just 30 cents, generating a monthly income of about Rs. 13,000 to Rs. 15,000. The visitors appreciated the favourable microclimate, beneficial insects and crop diversity maintained on the farm.

At Ratnakumari’s A-Grade okra model, the team observed a healthy crop with more than 10 intercrops and banana plantations along the borders. Compared with a neighbouring chemical farming field, the natural farming plot had healthier plants and fewer visible symptoms of

virus incidence and leaf curling.

The delegation also visited Mastan Bi’s five-acre natural farming paddy compact block at Munnangi village. Officials explained weed-management practices, including the use of Azolla for weed suppression and soil enrichment.

Sticky plates, pheromone traps and L-shaped bund plantations were also demonstrated.

At Athota village, the team interacted with farmer Bapayya and appreciated his efforts to conserve and promote indigenous paddy varieties and traditional seeds. The delegation showed keen interest in the diverse varieties being preserved on his farm.

Renigunta, Arakkonam rail expansion gets approval

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The 76.559-km project is expected to ease congestion on one of the important railway routes connecting Tamil Nadu with Andhra Pradesh and provide greater operational flexibility for passenger and freight services. Renigunta, a major railway junction, serves as a key entry point for thousands of pilgrims travelling to Tirupati and Tirumala.

The project is part of a larger railway infrastructure expansion approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Wednesday. For the Tirupati

region, the additional lines are likely to be particularly useful during festivals and peak pilgrimage seasons when passenger movement increases considerably. The Arakkonam-Renigunta section carries several passenger, long-distance and freight trains, putting considerable pressure on the existing infrastructure.

The proposed lines will also strengthen rail access to several prominent religious destinations along the corridor. Improved capacity could help the Railways handle the increased flow of devotees during major

religious events. The capacity augmentation proposal had been under consideration for some time. The Detailed Project Report for the third and fourth lines was completed and submitted to the Railway Board earlier this year. Land acquisition proceedings had also begun before the project received Cabinet approval.

A Gazette notification issued in January 2026 declared the proposed railway expansion between Arakkonam and Renigunta as a Special Railway Project for land acquisition in Tirupati and Chittoor districts. The

new lines will effectively extend the multi-tracking network beyond the existing four-line Chennai-Arakkonam section towards Renigunta.

This is expected to improve train movement into Andhra Pradesh and facilitate smoother operations for services heading towards destinations farther south. Meanwhile, work on another capacity expansion project is progressing in Tirupati district. Land acquisition has commenced for an 83.17-km third railway line between Gudur and Renigunta.

Will safeguard people’s land rights, asserts CM

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Naidu also launched a sharp attack on YSR Congress president Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, referring to remarks he attributed to former chief minister K Rosaiah and members of Jagan’s family. He alleged that Jagan’s conduct had caused differences within his family and referred to the murder of former minister Y S Vivekananda Reddy. These remarks were part of his broader criticism of the previous regime.

The Chief Minister alleged that land records had been tampered with during the previous regime and criticised the Land Titling Act, which he said was scrapped after the coalition government assumed office.

Mee Bhoomi-Mee Haku programme was launched to protect every farmer’s land forever, he said.

The government was issuing pattadar passbooks with the State emblem and security features including e-KYC, QR codes and blockchain technology, he said. Resurvey had been completed in 8,234 villages and 36 lakh passbooks issued, while 16 lakh acres

had been removed from the 22-A prohibited list, Naidu claimed. A major relief was announced for residents of ground-rent lands in Amalapuram, Machavaram, Mummidivaram and Ramachandrapuram. Naidu said the lands, which had remained in the 22-A prohibited list for more than a century, were being freed and treated on par with Gramakantham lands.

He said the government had also settled a 120-year-old land dispute and resolved long-pending land issues in places including Shettipalli, Vatticherukuru, Kalidindi, Kangundi and Mudinepalli. Naidu said 57.37 acres spread across 1,281 survey numbers would benefit 1,416 residents.

During his visit to Jayanthi Nagar in Machavaram, the Chief Minister interacted with families living on the ground-rent sites and handed over documents relating to the land rights. He said auto-mutation had been introduced immediately after registration and that 1.25 lakh families had benefited. He also said long-pending land disputes in several parts of the State had been

resolved.

On irrigation, Naidu said more than 1,000 tmc of Godavari water had flowed into the sea this year despite the impact of El Nino. Proper utilisation of the water was essential for the state’s future, he said, alleging that delays in irrigation projects during the previous regime had cost the state heavily. He explained the coalition government was pursuing development, welfare, and good governance through programmes such as NTR Bharosa pensions, P4, Swarna Andhra-Swachha Andhra and Sanjeevani. Governance, he said, should not be confined to the Secretariat but should bring a visible change in people’s lives.

Earlier, Naidu unveiled the foundation plaque for Rs 240 crore grid modernisation works being undertaken by the Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh to provide three-phase power. Ministers K Atchannaidu, Anagani Satya Prasad and Vasamsetti Subhash, MP Ganti Harish, MLA Giddi Satyanarayana, public representatives and officials attended the programme.

Extra ‘F’ in CNR Rao’s name triggers SIR notice

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His entry in the previous electoral roll reads “Prof. CNR Rao,” while the current one has it as “Proff. C.N.R. Rao,” adding an extra “f” to the title.

This week, the ECI withdrew a notice issued to Padma Shri awardee Harekala Hajabba regarding a discrepancy in his name found during the SIR in Karnataka. Hajabba was asked to appear at a gram panchayat on September 11 with original documents, and an accountant was to be present during the verification. His name in the 2002 electoral roll and subsequent records differed from the full name he provided during the SIR enumeration. Hajabba said officials visited his residence after the notice became public and took it back, telling him they would examine the matter and get back to him. His documents since 2004 carried his name as Harekal Hajabba.

The discrepancy arose because his name appeared as only Hajabba in the 2002 electoral roll, while his subsequent records identify him as Harekala Hajabba. His Aadhaar card, ration card, passport, and voter ID carry the name Harekala Hajabba. The same name also appears in documents relating to his Padma Shri and other awards. Hajabba, a fruit seller turned education campaigner from Newpadapu in Mangaluru, became nationally known after using savings from selling oranges to establish a primary school in his native village. He received the Padma Shri, India’s fourth-highest civilian award, in 2020 for his contribution to education. Over 4.381 million notices are expected to be issued as part of the SIR, which began in Karnataka on June 30, to voters whose names fall under the “no mapping” and “anomalies” categories. The disposal of claims and objections will continue until October 22. The final electoral roll is scheduled for publication on October 27.



NEW DELHI
OFFICE OF THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER ,
KADAPA , Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT.

PUBLIC NOTICE

3(A) NOTIFICATION U/S NH ACT 1956

S.O. 4809 (E) – In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building widening, two/four lane with paved shoulders etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Kopparthi Industrial Area to Kadapa ByPass Road under Newly proposed National Highway in km. 0.000 to 3.500 in the district of Y.S.R Kadapa in the State of Andhra Pradesh, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, **within Twenty One (21) days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette**, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose, under sub-section (1) of section – 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the competent authority, namely, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kadapa, Y.S.R. Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector and opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land covered under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the competent authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling in the stretch of land from Km. 0+000 to Km. 3+500 (Kopparthi Industrial Area to Kadapa By Pass Road) of Newly proposed NH in the district of YSR Kadapa in the state of Andhra Pradesh



(In English)



(In Telugu)

Competent Authority (LA) & Revenue Divisional Officer, Kadapa Y.S.R. Kadapa District



Monsoon care tips for pretty hands this season



Hydrate



SHAHNAZ HUSAIN

Your hands are involved in nearly every task you undertake. We rely on them for working, cooking, cleaning, eating, writing, using tools and devices, self-care, and even for conveying our thoughts during conversations. Excessive moisture and humidity during the rainy season come with their own set of challenges, especially for our hands.

Dry hands are a common concern at this time of year due to dehydration, as a lot of water content is lost through excessive sweating. Due to dampness and fluctuations in humidity, hands frequently face issues like fungal infections between the fingers, joint stiffness, and dry skin irritation during the rainy season.

1. Hydrate

Hydrate your hands using hand cream or moisturiser. It can be a saviour, especially when you're working around water, like in the kitchen.

For especially dry hands, an overnight routine can help provide extra hydration. Apply a thicker layer of moisturiser before bed and wear soft cotton gloves. This allows your skin to absorb and lock in moisture overnight, leaving your hands feeling soft and

The monsoon season can leave your hands and nails vulnerable to dryness, irritation and infections. A little extra care can help keep them soft, healthy and beautifully groomed throughout the rains

nourished in the morning.

To keep your hands hydrated during the rainy season, apply a lightweight, non-sticky moisturiser right after every hand wash to trap water in your skin before it evaporates.

Mix coconut oil, sea salt, and vitamin E oil. Scrub your hands with the mixture for 5 minutes in a circular motion. Clean with warm water and pat dry.

Add lemon juice to a few drops of your regular hand wash in a bowl of warm water. Soak your hands in the mixture for 10–15 minutes every night before bed. Pat dry and apply moisturiser to get clean and soft hands.

2. Keep Your Hands Clean During Monsoon Season

Hand hygiene becomes even more crucial for staying healthy and preventing the spread of germs during the monsoon season. Clean your hands meticulously for at least 20 seconds with mild, fragrance-free soap and running water before eating,



Keep your hands clean during monsoon season



Exfoliate your hands with a mild scrub

after using the restroom, and immediately after coming home from outside.

Use germ-protection handwashes that provide 99.9% germ protection. They cleanse tough dirt and grime to leave your hands squeaky clean. Make sure that the handwash is made with 90% natural-origin content and doesn't contain parabens, silicones, triclosan, or triclocarban. Regular handwashing removes these microbes, significantly reducing the risk of monsoon-related illnesses like colds and flu, which spread easily through contaminated hands and water.

3. Exfoliate Your Hands with a Mild Scrub

Exfoliating your hands during the monsoon season helps remove dead skin cells and grime that stick to humid skin. Exfoliation helps remove dead skin cells and impurities, keeping your hands smooth and soft. Use a gentle scrub specifically designed for hands and feet at least twice a week. Pay attention to rough areas to prevent the buildup of dead skin. Apart from properly cleansing your hands with a mild cleanser, make sure you

don't miss out on the nails, as they can accumulate a lot of bacteria during the season. Get a nail brush that comes with small, tough bristles to clean under the nails and soft bristles to clean the top of the nails.

Homemade Hand Scrubs Coconut Oil, Sea Salt and Vitamin E Oil:

Mix coconut oil, sea salt, and vitamin E oil. Scrub your hands with the mixture for 5 minutes in a circular motion. Clean with warm water and pat dry.

Coffee, Coconut Oil and Sugar Scrub:

Mix 3 tablespoons of coffee, 2 tablespoons of coconut oil, and 1 tablespoon of sugar in a glass jar. Gently apply it to your hands and massage them. Rinse off after 2–3 minutes with warm water.

Coconut Oil, Honey, Sugar, Sea Salt and Lime Juice Scrub:

Take 1 tablespoon of coconut oil, 1 tablespoon of honey, 1/4 cup of sugar, 1/4 cup of sea salt, and a few drops of lime juice. Mix one tablespoon each of coconut oil and honey. Then add the sea salt and sugar and mix well. Now add the lime

juice and blend for 20–30 seconds. Gently rub the scrub on your hands for a minute or two and then rinse it off. Exfoliate your hands only once or twice a week to avoid damaging your skin barrier.

4. Take Extra Care of Your Cuticles

Nails take the most hit during the rainy season. The monsoon calls for special care of the nails to avoid damage due to red, swollen, and itchy skin around them. The skin becomes sweaty or infected due to overexposure to water, and as a result, both fingernails and toenails can be affected by the rains.

Painting your nails is like therapy. Trying out new nail colours and designs is something that just makes you feel groomed and uplifted. When your nails are groomed in invigorating hues, you automatically get a dose of colour therapy that is just great for your mood.

The monsoon season calls for special care of the nails to avoid infection and chipping. The monsoon can lead to rough, brittle, and discoloured nails. Well-kept nails are a part of our presentation and look. Be it any occasion, we all know how essential it is to maintain them.

(The author is international fame beauty expert and is called the herbal queen of India.)



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2 Brought up (6)

3 Alright (4)

4 Uranus, Neptune, Jupiter et al (7)

5 Gog and __; the old-time pair? (5)

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8 Tributary of Ganges (4)

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Saba Pataudi shares rare 1980s family album featuring young Sharmila Tagore & family

Bollywood veteran star Sharmila Tagore and the Pataudi family's priceless memories from the 1980s were shared by Saba Pataudi on Wednesday.

The jewellery designer shared a series of rare childhood pictures featuring her mother Sharmila Tagore, father, Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, siblings Saif Ali Khan, Soha Ali Khan, and herself.

Taking to her social media account, Saba posted a carousel of unseen family pictures from the 1980s.

The opening picture shows a smiling Sharmila Tagore with husband Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi and their three children during a family gathering. The other pictures capture young Saif, Soha and Saba sharing candid moments with their mother.

The post also includes pictures of a young Sharmila Tagore with her children, and many more adorable sibling moments of Soha and Saba. The photos also comprise of recent moments of Saba with Saif Ali Khan.

For the uninitiated, Mansoor Ali Khan who passed away in 2011, was a stalwart cricketer. Talking about Sharmila Tagore, the actress who hails from the family of Guru Ravidranath

Tagore, was a very successful actress of the late 60s and early 70s era of Bollywood.Soha Ali Khan and Saif Ali Khan are successful actors from the Hindi film industry while Saba chose to stay away from cinema professionally.

For the uninitiated, Bollywood star Kareena Kapoor is the sister-in-law of Saba Pataudi. She is married to Saif Ali Khan and the couple are parents to two sons, Taimur Ali Khan and Jehangir Ali Khan.

Actor Kunal Kemmu is the brother-in-law of Saba with him being married to Soha Ali Khan.



MoU inked for used oil recycling

BENGALURU: PETRONAS Lubricants India, part of the PETRONAS group and a known supplier of advanced automotive and industrial lubricant technology, and Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle maker, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the responsible collection and recycling of used automotive lubricants.

The firms will run a structured, scalable pilot at the same time in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. The pairing joins complementary strengths to tackle a core sustainability problem, support compliance with India's changing Extended Producer Responsibility framework and further national circular-economy goals. Launching the pilot, Binu Chandy, India MD, PETRONAS Lubricants India, said true circularity in used oil begins when re-refined base oil is put back into finished lubricants. The tie-up with Tata Motors, he said, is a step toward a scalable used-oil circularity model and shows the reach of the firm's channel network as it works to cut its carbon footprint across operations. Vikram Agrawal, Head – Spares and Non-Vehicle Business, Tata Motors Ltd., said practices and partnerships that advance sustainability sit at the heart of circular-economy work and environmental effect across the automotive value chain.

My Spinny story launched

BENGALURU: Spinny has launched its My Spinny Story film featuring Indian footballer Ryan Williams, tracing his journey from Australia to India, family roots, Bengaluru life, football career and association with Spinny.

Kaftan company expansion

BENGALURU: The Kaftan Company marked its 10th anniversary with Middle East expansion and the launch of Homebody, a nightwear collection targeting women aged 21-34, as the brand expands its 1,000-plus SKU portfolio globally.

Awareness walkathon held

BENGALURU: Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital and Hillside Group of Institutions held an awareness walkathon in Bengaluru to mark Eye Donation Fortnight 2026, with over 150 students, doctors and staff highlighting eye donation, dispelling myths and promoting corneal transplant awareness.

Mrs Grand Universe presides over Guruvandan 2026

PATHANAMTHITTA: The Kerala chapter of the SFEIA International Foundation organised National Teachers' Day celebrations and Guruvandan 2026 at the Pathanamthitta Press Club Hall, honouring teachers for their meritorious service and contributions to education. Dr Sasilekha Nair, founder and director of the SFEIA Foundation and winner of the Mrs Grand Universe title, presided over the programme. Dr Jitheshji, who has received the History Man of India honour and holds a world record in speed drawing, inaugurated the event. Senior teachers were felicitated during the programme in recognition of their dedicated service and contributions to the education sector. Anil Adoor, Senior Vice-President of Asianet News, presented the honours.

Pathanamthitta Press Club president Biju Kurian delivered the congratulatory address. The event brought together educationists, teachers and members of the media to recognise the important role played by teachers in shaping society and nurturing future generations.

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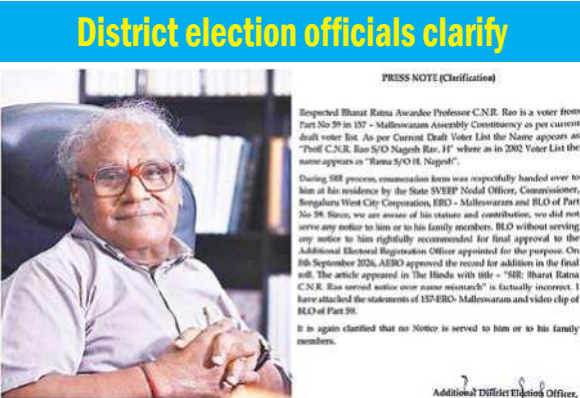
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BENGALURU district election officials have dismissed reports claiming that Bharat Ratna awardee and renowned scientist Prof. C N R Rao was issued a notice over a discrepancy in his name in the electoral roll.

Officials termed the report "completely false" and clarified that no notice of any kind had been served

on Prof. Rao or his family in connection with the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. As part of the revision exercise, election officials personally visited Prof.

Rao's residence and handed over the enumeration form to his family. The form was filled in during the visit in the presence of the state SVEEP nodal officer and the Bengaluru West municipal commis-



sioner, officials said.

The clarification followed questions over differences in Prof. Rao's name in electoral records. Officials said his name had appeared as "Rama" in the 2002 electoral roll, while the current electoral records carry his name as "Professor C.N.R. Rao M". The discrepancy prompted Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to verify the details as part of the routine electoral roll revision

process.

Officials said the verification was not accompanied by any notice or summons. Instead, the BLO recommended that Prof. Rao's name be retained in the electoral roll without issuing a notice. His name has already been included in the draft electoral roll, and the necessary process has been completed to ensure that it remains in the final electoral roll, the authori-

ties said.

The Bengaluru election officials reiterated that the visit to Prof. Rao's residence was only to facilitate the enumeration process and verify electoral details in view of the discrepancy in historical records. They said the claim that a notice had been issued to the eminent scientist was contrary to the facts and sought to put the record straight regarding the SIR exercise.

CABINET MEET AT MANGALURU ON SEPT 18

Permanent coastal schemes, Tulu status to be taken up

Sunil Kumar seeks special funds ahead of 2027 Gommateshwara consecration

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V Sunil Kumar, the BJP MLA for Karkala and a former minister, called on Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Wednesday for an extended conversation about the full development of his constituency and about readiness for the historic Mahamastakabhisheka of Sri Gommateshwara Swamy.

That twelve-yearly ceremony will occupy ten days beginning 18 February 2027, when pilgrims and visitors from India and other countries are expected in large numbers; a special grant for the infrastructure those crowds will need was therefore requested.

Progress on existing works inside the Karkala Assembly segment, release of money still outstanding, and administrative approval for newly proposed schemes were examined in detail. With the state cabinet fixed for



Mangaluru on 18 September 2026, the MLA asked that the meeting be used to design permanent programmes that serve the comprehensive and lasting development of the coastal districts.

Lengthy discussion also covered proclamation of Tulu as the state's second official language and the placement before the cabinet of projects covering tourism, Kambala, basic infrastructure, jobs and irrigation in the coastal belt, including Karkala, along with the

funds and sanctions those projects require.

A release from Vikas Janaseva Office, Karkala, quoted Sunil Kumar as saying he trusts the state government to answer adequately the plans needed for Karkala's overall growth.

Among the concrete demands set before the Chief Minister were extra money for roads inside the municipality and in rural pockets, higher grants for coastal Kambala meets, development of Karkala

Parashurama Theme Park and related tourism, work on historic Ramasamudra lake and park, and improvement of Varanga Chaturmukha lake Basadi.

The list continued with Koodlu Falls at Nadpalu in Hebri taluk, the road from Hiriyaadka through Karkala, Joduraste, Miyaru and Bajagoli up to Guruvaayanakere, and a sculpture-and-furniture hub meant to open self-employment for local youth.

Hebri Community Health Centre was proposed for elevation to a 100-bed taluk hospital, a new building was sought for Karkala Nursing College, the Karkala Textile Park project was pressed for further development, and a lift-irrigation project near Ikkoddu in Belanje village of Hebri taluk was added. A special grant tied specifically to infrastructure for the Mahamastakabhisheka completed the set of major requests.



Cauvery order

Ashoka accuses govt of surrendering state's interests

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LEADER of Opposition R. Ashoka on Wednesday accused the Karnataka government of failing to protect the state's interests after the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) directed Karnataka to release 6,000 cusecs of water daily to Tamil Nadu for 15 days.

Ashoka described the order as a serious setback for Karnataka and alleged that the state government's "soft approach" and failure to mount an effective legal challenge had weakened its case before the authority. He said the government should

have firmly opposed Tamil Nadu's demand for 20,000 cusecs a day and questioned why it had failed to prevent the release of additional water when Karnataka's reservoirs were already under pressure.

"When our reservoirs are facing a shortage even for drinking water and farmers are struggling due to inadequate rainfall, agreeing to release around 7.77 TMC of water to Tamil Nadu over 15 days is a betrayal of Kannadigas," Ashoka said.

He urged the government to stop delaying a decision on challenging the CWMA order and immediately approach the Supreme Court

with a strong appeal seeking a stay on the water release. Former chief minister and MP Basavaraj Bommai also criticised the government, alleging that it had failed to take the Cauvery issue seriously. He demanded that Karnataka immediately approach the Supreme Court and appoint a senior special counsel to handle the case.

Bomma said releasing 6,000 cusecs daily for 15 days would mean the state losing nearly 7.5 TMC of water. He pointed out that storage in the Kabini reservoir had already declined significantly, while the KRS reservoir was releasing around 5,000 to 6,000 cusecs daily.

Minister under fire for 'objectionable language' against BJP MLA

BENGALURU

HORTICULTURE Minister S S Mallikarjun has come under criticism over a purported video in which he allegedly uses objectionable language against BJP MLA B P Harish at a public gathering in Davanagere district. The incident reportedly took place recently during the inauguration of a veterinary centre in Harihar town, where farmers approached the minister seeking water supply to the constituency.

In the video, the farmers can be seen approaching Mallikarjun and telling him that they had raised the issue with local MLA Harish, whom they referred to as "Harish anna" (elder brother), but were allegedly asked to approach their "Sahukaar"—the minister.

Mallikarjun immediately questioned why Harish was being referred to as "anna" and allegedly made remarks against the BJP legislator that



were considered objectionable and unparliamentary. The purported video has since gone viral on social media, drawing criticism from BJP leaders and triggering a political controversy. Reacting to the controversy, Mallikarjun said on Wednesday that he had only told the farmers who met him that Harish was not a suitable person to be addressed as "anna".

"What have I said? I have said nothing. When the farmer referred to Harish as anna, I only questioned the farmer's age. That's all. I told him: You are elderly; why are you addressing him (the MLA) as 'anna'? Instead, refer to eligible people as 'anna', as he (the MLA) was not a suitable person to be addressed as 'anna',

he told reporters. Accusing Mallikarjun, who is the Davanagere district in-charge, of using "vulgar" words against him and behaving "rashly" with farmers when they sought Bhadra river water for irrigation, Harish said people would teach the minister a lesson in the future. He said he would discuss the matter with BJP leaders and decide on taking any further action. "Karnataka BJP is behind me against SS Mallikarjun," he added. BJP state President B Y Vijayendra, hitting out at Mallikarjun, demanded that the minister publicly apologise. "When a person from a prominent family background speaks so irresponsibly about an elected MLA, it is not merely an insult to Harish; it is an insult to the people of the entire constituency. Minister Mallikarjun must immediately publicly apologise to the MLA and the people of the constituency," he said on Tuesday evening.

ISRO support sought for 'student-scientist interaction' at science centres in state

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WITH the objective of taking science beyond textbooks and making learning more experiential, Minister for Minor Irrigation and Science and Technology Dr. Ajay Dharam Singh has sought the support of ISRO to organise direct interaction programmes between ISRO scientists and students at science centres across the State.

During his meeting with ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan, the Minister formally proposed the initiative and requested support to enable students to learn directly from scientists about space science, research, satellite technology and career opportunities in science and technology.

"When students get an opportunity to interact di-



rectly with scientists, science begins to appear not merely as a subject in a textbook, but as a future opportunity. The experiences and achievements of ISRO scientists can inspire curiosity, a research mindset and bigger aspirations among young students," Dr. Ajay Dharam Singh said.

The Minister said the State Government is expanding science centres, mobile planetariums and

telescope-based learning initiatives to promote practical and interactive science education among students. The Science & Technology Department's Mobile Digital Planetarium programme has already reached 3,282 schools and benefited more than 5.46 lakh students and teachers.

In addition, under the Providing Access to Telescopes (PAT) programme, telescopes have been provid-

ed to KREIS schools and colleges, along with training for science teachers. As a next step, the proposed ISRO Scientist-Student Interaction programme at science centres would help bring space science and technology closer to students in a more engaging and meaningful way, the Minister said.

"Science must be shown, experienced and questioned. Direct interaction with scientists can strengthen scientific temper among students and help nurture the next generation of scientists, researchers and technology professionals," he said. Through ISRO's partnership, the Government aims to extend these interaction programmes across science centres in the State and create opportunities for students not only in cities, but also in districts and taluks, to engage directly with scientists.

‘Govt should write to Centre for changes in drought mgt guidelines’

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RURAL Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Eshwar B Khandre has suggested that the Karnataka government write to the Centre seeking amendments to the guidelines under the Drought Management Manual, stating that the existing norms are inadequate to assess the ground reality of drought conditions.

The suggestion was made during a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee chaired by Revenue Minister Dr G Parameshwara to review the State's 2026 monsoon and drought situation, along with other natural disaster conditions, and to decide on policy measures and necessary steps to manage them effectively. Khandre pointed out that



the State had already made several representations to the Centre seeking changes to the drought management

guidelines, but they had not been considered. He suggested that the State should once again write to the Centre,

highlighting the shortcomings of the guidelines point by point and seeking necessary amendments.

Under the existing Drought Management Manual, declaring a taluk as drought-affected requires

consideration of not only rainfall deficiency but also satellite-based indices. Khandre said this approach could lead to situations where a crop fails despite receiving some rainfall, but the area is not declared drought-affected because the sowing-based criteria are not met.

He said the drought situation in Karnataka is assessed scientifically based on reports from the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) and the Disaster Management Cell of the Revenue Department before a formal drought declaration is made.

According to the existing norms, a taluk can be considered for drought declaration based on factors including a 60 per cent deficiency in rainfall compared to normal, more than 50 per cent

deficiency in sowing and a continuous dry spell of three weeks, during which there is no rainfall and soil moisture is depleted.

Khandre, however, said these criteria could become a major constraint when there is only light or sporadic rainfall. Even a small amount of drizzle can result in some soil moisture, making it difficult to meet the prescribed criteria despite severe crop stress and adverse conditions on the ground.

He stressed the need for the drought assessment mechanism to reflect the actual conditions faced by farmers rather than relying solely on rigid technical parameters. Ministers Lakshman Savadi, Puttaranga Shetty and others attended the Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting.

World Archery Para Series

India win two gold, four bronze medals

Reigning Paralympics champion Harvinder Singh and world No. 1 Sheetal Devi led the charge as India signed off their World Archery Para Series Stage III campaign on a high

AHMEDABAD

REIGNING Paralympics champion Harvinder Singh and world No. 1 Sheetal Devi led the charge as India signed off their World Archery Para Series Stage III campaign on a high, winning two gold and four bronze medals, on the final day, here on Wednesday.

World No. 1 and reigning world champion Sheetal Devi held her nerve in a dramatic shoot-off to win the para compound women's individual gold, while double Paralympics medallist Harvinder, paired with Bhawna, helped India to gold in the para recurve mixed team event.

In the recurve mixed team final, double Paralympics medallist Harvinder and Bhawna



made short work of China's Liang Qiurong and Xia Lei, winning 6-0 in straight sets.

India took the opening set 35-31 before winning the second 36-33 and completing the clean sweep with a 34-32 victory in the third.

Bhawna then added another bronze in an all-Indian para recurve women's bronze-medal play-off, defeating compatriot Rajshree Rathod 6-0.

Sheetal returned in the evening session and produced a

composed performance against Kazakhstan's Aizada Seidan in a thrilling compound women's individual final. Both the archers started with perfect 30s and remained locked at 59 after the second end, with both shooting 29. Aizada then edged ahead by a point in the third end after shooting 28 to Sheetal's 27.

The fourth end ended 29-29, before Sheetal produced a 29 in the final end against Aizada's 28 to level the scores at 144-all and force a shoot-off.



Alcaraz's US Open title defence ends

Shelton's win sets up a match in the last four with compatriot Frances Tiafoe, boosting home hopes of a first American men's Grand Slam champion since 2003

LOS ANGELES

BEN Shelton beat defending champion Carlos Alcaraz 6-7(5), 6-1, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6(10-7) in the early hours of Wednesday to reach the U.S. Open semi-finals in the latest-finishing match in tournament history.

Shelton's win sets up a match in the last four with compatriot Frances Tiafoe, boosting home hopes of a first American men's Grand Slam champion since 2003. Seven-times major champion Alcaraz arrived at Arthur Ashe Stadium with a 13-0 Grand Slam record against U.S. men but found Shelton tough to break down in a match that

began at 11.05 p.m. on Tuesday and finished at 3.33 a.m. on Wednesday.

"For me it's always about the people in the crowd," Shelton said in explaining how he got through the gruelling contest.

"Whether it's my coaches and my team there, all my family and friends here, or the city of New York that showed up tonight till 3 a.m. with the USA chants until the very end.

"That's what kept me going, and that's what got me this tonight. "It's incredible. I always say that this is the greatest sports city in the world. I say that this is the greatest stadium in the world."

Alcaraz clinched a tight first-set tiebreak and looked to have all the momentum but uncharacteristic sloppiness allowed Shelton to breeze through the next set before the American tightened his grip on the quarter-final by taking the third.

ASIAN GAMES: 400 ATHLETES EVACUATED



Hundreds of athletes and officials were briefly evacuated after heavy rain battered Nagoya, but the city's mayor on Wednesday ruled out any disruption to the Asian Games. Torrential rain flooded roads and water entered some of the venues for the multi-sport event, scheduled from September 19 to October 4. Around 400 people, including staff and athletes, had to be evacuated due to the heavy rain, but they later returned and no injuries were reported, an Asian Games official told Reuters.

Nyra youngest Indian to qualify for Nationals

NEW DELHI

DELHI shooter Nyra Sharma, aged just 10 years and three months, has become the youngest Indian to qualify for the National Championship.

Nyra secured her place in 10m air rifle after scoring 363/400 at the recently concluded All India Inter School Shooting Championship in Bhopal. Nyra trains at the TOPGUN Shooting Academy in Delhi and will now prepare for the National Championship, scheduled to be held later this year. Her rise has been remarkably swift. She made her competitive debut at the Delhi State Championship in June, followed by the India Open in July at Dehradun. At only her third competition, she produced the score that earned



her a place at the Nationals.

Speaking about the achievement, Nyra's father, Prashant Sharma, said, "As a father, I feel immense pride and gratitude on seeing Nyra become India's youngest shooter to qualify for the Nationals. This remarkable achievement is the result of her hard work, discipline,

and determination, along with the guidance and support of TOPGUN Shooting Academy."

For a shooter who entered competitive sport only a few months ago, qualifying for the Nationals at just 10 years old marks an exceptional beginning to her competitive career

IOA to probe Lakra's harassment charge

NEW DELHI

THE Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has constituted a four-member independent inquiry committee headed by retired High Court judge Deepa Sharma to probe the allegations of harassment and intimidation levelled against Hockey India secretary Bhola Nath Singh by former women's team captain

Asunta Lakra.

The panel, formed following a directive from the Sports Ministry, includes former track-and-field athlete Vandana Rao, former women's hockey team captain Mamta Kharb, and lawyer Sitwat Nabi as members.

Lakra, who is also a member of Hockey India's Executive Board, had accused Singh of threatening and har-

assing her after she objected to the alleged sexual harassment of girls in Jharkhand at the hands of local coach Sudhir Golla.

Hockey India has been directed to handle all requisite payments concerning the committee's honorarium, travel, accommodation, and incidental expenses.

"Hockey India is also requested to extend its full co-

operation to the committee and to ensure that all relevant documents, information and such other assistance as may be required is made available to the committee in a timely manner..." IOA President PT Usha's letter to HI stated.

The dispute between between Hockey India and Lakra had taken an ugly turn after the national federation's ethics committee is-



sued a show cause notice and launched an inquiry against the former captain after she was accused of threatening young player Albela Rani Toppo, who is also from Jharkhand.

TOP COURT: ENFORCE SEAT BELT LAW STRICTLY

The law is very clear on seat belts. The question is implementation. How can we ensure that every citizen and every driver in this country complies with it?

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday said there are adequate laws mandating wearing seat belts while a vehicle is in motion and it is the duty of the law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance.

The observation came from a bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and

V Mohana, which was hearing a petition seeking directions for mandatory wearing of seat belts in vehicles.

The petitioner's counsel told the bench that many deaths and injuries from road accidents could be prevented if the law mandating seat belt use was followed.

He said that despite the law, a number of vehicles have non-functional seat

belts because of fancy seat covers or other modifications.

The bench said, "The law is very clear on seat belts. The question is of implementation. How can we ensure that every citizen and every driver in this country complies with it?"

The top court asked the petitioner to send his suggestions on the issue to the com-

petent authority.

"It is the work of the law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance," it said.

Referring to Rule 138(3) of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the bench said it requires the driver, the person seated in the front seat or the persons occupying front-facing rear seats to wear seat belts while the vehicle is in motion.

The petitioner's counsel argued that negligence of people and weak enforcement of law lead to serious injuries and even deaths in road accidents across the country.

The bench noted that there are adequate laws concerning road safety measures, including wearing of seat belts while a vehicle is in motion.

It said non-compliance of

law by people or failure of law enforcement agencies in taking appropriate action against the defaulters was essentially a question of maintenance of law and order.

The bench disposed of the plea while granting liberty to the petitioner to forward a copy of his petition to the concerned authority to consider the suggestions given by him.



Faridabad: Infant dies after drowning in water bucket

FARIDABAD

IN a tragic incident, a one-year-old boy died after drowning in a water-filled bucket while playing at his home in Jeevan Nagar Part-2, Faridabad, police said on Wednesday.



The deceased child was identified as Aryan. Aryan's grandmother, Meena, said that at the time of the incident, the child and her mother were upstairs at home. While her mother was in a room, Aryan was playing outside. His father was away at work.

While playing, he wandered towards a bucket full of water kept near the bathroom and fell into it headfirst.

"After some time, I realised something was amiss when I could no longer hear any sound from the child," Meena said, adding that when she went to check on Aryan, she found him in the bucket.

She said that they then rushed Aryan to a government hospital, from where he was referred elsewhere. Aryan was then taken to a private hospital, where doctors declared him dead, Meena added.

"The child's body has been placed in the mortuary at ESIC Medical College and Hospital for a post-mortem examination. Further action will be taken based on the post-mortem report," said a senior police officer of Mujesar police station.

'UP govt docs can now serve till 70'

LUCKNOW

GOVERNMENT doctors in Uttar Pradesh will now be able to continue providing services through reappointment until the age of 70, Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak has said.

Pathak -- who also holds the health portfolio -- said the move is aimed at further strengthening government healthcare services in the state.

Under the existing system, government doctors can serve until the age of 65. Following Pathak's direction, the health department has now initiated the process of issuing an order to facilitate their reappointment up to the age of 70, according to an official statement.

Government hospitals, community health centres (CHCs) and primary health centres (PHCs) in the state receive a large number of patients daily. Extending the services of experienced doctors would provide patients with better medical consul-



tation and treatment, while also easing the pressure on hospitals and health centres, the deputy chief minister said on Tuesday.

"The Provincial Medical and Health Services cadre is the principal medical cadre of the Health Department and includes medical officers and specialist doctors who play a crucial role in providing healthcare services at government hospitals, CHCs and PHCs," Pathak said.

He said allowing eligible and experienced doctors to serve until the age of 70

would enable patients to directly benefit from their expertise.

The arrangement would be particularly useful in departments facing a shortage of specialist doctors, and would also help strengthen healthcare services in rural areas, he said.

Pathak said the additional chief secretary, health department, has been directed to expedite the process of issuing orders regarding reappointment of doctors after retirement, up to the age of 70

Food licenses of Rly catering, ISKCON suspended

MUMBAI: The Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Wednesday suspended the licenses of a supplier linked to a railway caterer, a dairy unit and multiple eateries at a religious centre in Juhu for alleged violations of food safety norms.

Improvement notices issued to four others. Licenses of three food establishments operating at ISKCON, Juhu, suspended. Serious irregularities found in the milk business, Kharghar; license suspended. Licenses were also suspended for 20 renowned food establishments (hotels, restaurants, etc.): 6 in Mumbai, 3 in Konkan Division, and 11 in Pune Division," FDA stated. According to the Maharashtra FDA, "Inspection of food establishments, specifically base kitchens and food plazas supplying food to railway passengers conducted by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)." The food license of a hospitality and catering company was suspended and improvement notices were issued to four others. The enforcement drive also hit the dairy sector, with authorities suspending the license of a Kharghar-based milk business after uncovering alleged operational irregularities.

5,326 missing; Nepal toll climbs to 1,365

CHITWAN

THE death toll from the devastating flash floods in Nepal climbed to 1,365 on Wednesday as more bodies were recovered from the affected areas, authorities said.

Rescue teams continued to search for 5,326 people, including at least 589 foreign nationals, who remain missing, according to a Nepal Police news bulletin.

Rescue teams recovered 363 bodies from Chitwan district, 226 from Nawalparasi East, 222 from Nawalparasi West, and 197 from Nuwakot.

Similarly, 174 bodies were recovered from Rasuwa district, 75 from Gorkha, 70 from Dhading and 38 from Tanahu.

So far, 102 bodies have been handed over to the family members after completing the identification process, police said.

Security personnel have safely kept 1,147 unidentified bodies underground in accordance with all prescribed protocols, including the collection of DNA samples to facilitate their identification.

The flash floods, triggered by an ice-rock avalanche near the Nepal-Tibet border on August 26, devastated towns and villages in northern and central Nepal.



“The E20 programme has been very successful so far and several automobile companies have announced plans to roll out flexi-fuel vehicles soon. Now our focus is on allowing blending at a percentage which will be higher than E20.”

-Tarun Kapoor, Advisor to PM Narendra Modi

BIZ BRIEFS

Organic Creamery unveils new product

Organic Creamery by Iceberg has launched its new Chef Special, Cookie Theory Sundae, in collaboration with celebrity chef Sanjay Thumma. Featuring a Cashew Caramel Cookie with rich caramel and crunchy cashews, the dessert pairs with customers' choice of creamy ice cream flavours. Available from September 4 across outlets in Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Bangalore, the sundae reflects Organic Creamery's focus on innovative, customisable and premium dessert experiences.

Credlix crosses \$1bn in export financing

Credlix, Moglix's cross-border trade financing platform, has surpassed \$1 billion in export financing, supporting over 1,000 MSME exporters across key global markets. The company has committed more than \$100 million to the India-Mexico corridor in FY27. Pramit Joshi, Senior VP, Credlix, said: "India has made significant progress in building digital and formal financing infrastructure for MSMEs, and export financing calls for a further set of capabilities alongside it."

AM/NS India launches Pelican

ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) has launched Pelican, a premium galvanised steel brand targeting construction, infrastructure, manufacturing and engineering sectors. Ranjan Dhar, Director, AM/NS India, said: "Indian customers increasingly require steel solutions tailored to specific applications and performance needs. AM/NS Pelican offers a high-quality galvanised steel solution that combines reliable corrosion protection with consistent quality and performance. The launch further strengthens our growing portfolio of specialised steel products and expands the range."

Amazon India logs milestone

Amazon India's seller base has crossed 20 lakh, with over three lakh sellers joining the marketplace, marking its strongest growth in three years. Seller Assistant interactions rose 7.5x year-on-year, while adoption of AI advertising tools increased 77%. Aruna Daryanani, Director, Amazon India, said: "Our continued endeavor is to make Amazon. in the best place to sell for sellers of all sizes. Whether it is lowering fees, building AI-powered tools that simplify day-to-day operations."

TCS inaugurates lights-out factory

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), an IT services, consulting, and business solutions firm, has launched the TCS Industrial Autonomy & Engineering Lab - Lights-Out Factory, at its Sahyadri Park campus in Pune. Joakim Landholm, SVP, SKF, said: "Reducing friction has always been central to industrial progress, and the next wave of manufacturing will depend on smarter, more energy-efficient, and more reliable operations."

OIL AT FOUR-FIGURE MARK, IT MAJORS BLEED, FIIS TURN NET SELLERS

Geopolitical storm batters D-Street as Sensex cracks 813 points

BRENT CROSSES \$100, IT STOCKS PLUNGE AND INDIA VIX RISES OVER 6%

MUMBAI

FALLING for the third straight day, benchmark stock index Sensex tumbled 813 points to a three-month low, and the Nifty settled below 23,450 following selling in IT, FMCG, financial services and oil & gas shares, as escalating tensions in West Asia drove crude oil to over \$100 per barrel.

The 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 813.35 points, or 1.08 per cent, to settle at the day's low of 74,764.23, also the lowest closing level in nearly three months.

The 50-share NSE Nifty declined 203.60 points, or 0.86 per cent, to end at a nearly three-month low of 23,431.50. The index had closed near this level on June 11 previously.



Among the 30 Sensex firms, HCL Tech fell the most, down 4.55 per cent. Infosys dropped 4.43 per cent, Tech Mahindra by 3.87 per cent, and Tata Consultancy Services by 2.26 per cent. HDFC Bank and Hindustan Unilever were also among the major laggards.

Adani Ports was the lead gainer, rising by 3.67 per

cent. Tata Steel, Trent and NTPC were among the winners. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, jumped 2.67 per cent to \$100.5 per barrel.

India VIX climbed more than 6 per cent, reflecting increased hedging activity and growing caution over the near-term outlook, he added. The BSE SmallCap Select index declined 0.59 per

cent and the MidCap Select index dipped 0.52 per cent. Among the BSE sectoral indices, IT tanked the most by 3.21 per cent, followed by Focused IT (2.99 per cent), Realty (2.01 per cent), Insurance (1.49 per cent), Housing Finance (1.39 per cent), Top 10 Banks (1.03 per cent) and Bankex (0.74 per cent). Commodities, Energy, Utilities, Hospitals, Metal, Power and Services were the winners.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 123.19 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. On Tuesday, the Sensex dropped 555.23 points, or 0.73 per cent, to settle at 75,577.58. The Nifty declined 144.05 points, or 0.61 per cent, to end at 23,635.10.

Rupee loses ground as oil shock, market sell-off intensify

MUMBAI: The rupee slumped by 34 paise to close at 95.08 against the American currency on Wednesday as crude prices crossed the \$100 per barrel mark, stoking concerns over inflation and high forex outflows. Weak equity markets and FII outflows also pressured the rupee, forex traders said.

Brent crude futures surpassed \$100 a barrel for the first time in almost six weeks after attacks on oil facilities and ships in West Asia threatened to weaken the already strained supply chain amid the US-Iran tensions. Brent crude was trading higher by 2.94 per cent at \$100.73 per barrel.



At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 94.80, also its intraday high, against the US dollar. The local unit fell to an intraday low of 95.22 as crude oil prices surged. The rupee settled at 95.08, down 34 paise from its previous close of 94.74.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 98.84, higher by 0.05 per cent.

Adani Airports enters global top three after \$1-bn fundraise

NEW DELHI

BILLIONAIRE Gautam Adani's airport business is set to rank among the world's most valuable airport operators after securing about USD 1 billion in fresh equity from investors including Temasek, BlackRock-managed funds, Alpha Wave Global and Premji Invest.

The transaction values Adani Airport Holdings at about \$18 billion before the investment. Its implied post-money equity value of approximately \$19 billion places it around third globally among major listed and recently valued airport operators, behind Spain's Aena and Airports of Thailand,



according to market research analysts.

The comparison is not strictly like-for-like as Aena and Airports of Thailand are publicly traded, while Adani Airport Holdings is privately held within Adani Enterprises. Public-market valuations also fluctuate with share prices.

Under the agreements,

the investor consortium will acquire newly issued shares in three tranches and collectively hold about 5.54% once the transaction is completed. The final tranche is expected by July 2027.

The capital will fund expansion and modernisation of Adani's airport network, airport-linked commercial infrastructure and businesses such as ground handling and passenger services. The company aims to increase annual airport capacity to about 200 million passengers. Adani Airports operates eight airports, including Mumbai International Airport, and handles roughly a quarter of India's passenger traffic and about a third of its air-cargo

volumes. It is India's largest airport operator by number of airports, although GMR handles larger passenger volumes.

The valuation puts Adani Airports ahead of Groupe ADP, valued at about \$13 billion, and GMR Airports at around \$10.9 billion, according to analysts. Aena has a market value of about \$46 billion and Airports of Thailand about \$27 billion.

The company also plans about 22 million sq ft of mixed-use development in the first phase of its airport-city projects, adding commercial and real-estate revenue streams. The fundraise follows Adani Enterprises' Rs 15,000-crore QIP in July.

Jio Platforms begins global roadshow for \$3.8-bn IPO

MUMBAI

Jio Platforms is set to begin investor outreach later this week for its proposed initial public offering, which is widely expected to become India's largest public offering at about \$3.8 billion, according to sources.

The digital services arm of Reliance Industries received Sebi's final observations on August 28, clearing the way for the IPO. Jio Platforms had filed its draft papers in June.

Investor meetings are expected across key global financial centres, including the US, Hong Kong, Singapore and the UK. Jio did not respond to an email seeking comment.

Under its draft prospectus, Jio Platforms plans to issue up to 27 crore fresh equity shares, representing about 2.9% of its post-issue equity base. The offering could value the company at around \$137 billion.

Most of the proceeds will be used to repay or prepay about Rs 27,500 crore of outstanding borrowings of Reliance Jio Infocomm, Jio Platforms' material subsidiary. The balance will be used for general corporate purposes.

Jio Platforms houses Reliance's digital businesses, including its telecom operations.

Reliance Jio Infocomm has a 39.29% share of India's mobile connections, serving 506 million customers, and a 32.89% share of fixed-line connections with 157.9



WHAT IT MEANS

- **Potential record IPO: At around \$3.8 billion, Jio could overtake previous Indian IPO records.**
- **Huge valuation benchmark: The issue could value Jio Platforms at about \$137 billion**
- **Debt reduction: Most IPO proceeds will go towards repaying/prepaying Rs 27,500 crore of Jio Infocomm borrowings**

million customers.

The company had 26.85 crore 5G customers as of June 2026 and claims its 5G network carries close to 60% of India's wireless data traffic.

Jio has expanded into cloud, artificial intelligence and enterprise network services. For FY26, Jio Platforms reported a 15% rise in profit after tax to Rs 30,053 crore and a 14.5% increase in revenue to Rs 1,46,885 crore. The IPO would be Reliance group's first public offering since 2008 and its first IPO of a consumer-focused business.

O P Bhatt steps down as Coforge chairman after board report row

NEW DELHI: Coforge Chairman and Independent Director O P Bhatt has resigned with immediate effect after an internal audit raised concerns over the handling and presentation of a board evaluation report, including the non-disclosure of certain material information, the IT services company said on Wednesday. Coforge clarified that the board evaluation exercise conducted in March-April 2026 for the previous year did not relate to the company's financial statements or financial matters. It also said the issue had no bearing on its operations or business performance and



did not affect its near-, mid- or long-term guidance.

As part of its audit plan for the second quarter of FY26, the company's internal auditor reviewed the process followed for the board evaluation exercise conducted under Bhatt's guidance and the resulting Board Evaluation Report presented by him to the board. The review identified concerns over how the report had been dealt with and presented.

Coforge shares tank Cover 5 pc as Chairman Bhatt resigns New Delhi, Sep 9 (PTI) Shares of IT firm Coforge tumbled over 5 per cent on Wednesday after its Chairperson O P Bhatt resigned abruptly from the company after an internal audit raised concerns over the manner in which a 'board evaluation report' was handled. The stock tanked 5.24 per cent to end at Rs 1,846.90 on the BSE. During the day, it dropped 8.67 per cent to Rs 1,780.10.

TG govt, Zepto partner to set up 5 rest centres for gig workers in Hyd

NEW DELHI: The Telangana government and quick commerce platform Zepto have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish five dedicated rest and amenity centres for gig and platform workers across Hyderabad. Named 'Project PRAGATI Centres', these facilities will be platform-agnostic, catering to last-mile delivery personnel across various sectors, including food delivery, quick commerce, e-commerce, and logistics. Under the agreement signed with the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation, Zepto will fund and maintain the five centres on an ongoing basis, the company said in a statement.

AI and career growth fuel executive job-hopping

94% of senior leaders open to new opportunities, Page Executive report finds

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S senior leadership market is becoming increasingly fluid, as 94 per cent of executives are open to exploring new career opportunities, according to the Executive Compensation and Talent Trends Report by Page Executive India, part of Michael Page India.

The report, based on a survey of more than 1,200 C-level executives and senior leaders, found that 63 per cent are actively looking



for a new role, while 41 per cent do not expect to remain in their current position for more than a year. Executives are seeking faster career progression, broader responsibilities and greater opportu-

nities for impact.

Page Executive India Managing Partner Jon Goldstein said the executive market was not constrained by a lack of talent but by the pace at which organisations could

develop and retain it. Senior leaders, he said, were looking for faster progression, greater impact and clearer alignment between performance and reward.

Artificial intelligence is also becoming central to senior leadership roles. The report found that 75 per cent of executives actively use AI in their work. An equal proportion reported higher productivity from the technology, while 72 per cent said it had improved the quality of their work. Nilay Khandel-

wal, Senior Managing Director, Michael Page India and Singapore, said the conversation around AI was moving from adoption to accountability. Identifying, developing and retaining talent capable of working effectively alongside AI would become an increasingly important leadership priority. On compensation, 65 per cent were satisfied with remuneration, while 87 per cent cited pay as a key driver of job satisfaction. However, the report said compensation alone was

no longer enough to retain senior leaders, who were increasingly prioritising career progression and promotion opportunities.

The report also found that skills-based hiring was gaining ground as organisations sought to widen access to talent and reduce bias.

The findings point to a competitive senior talent market in which companies may need clearer career paths and opportunities with emerging technologies to retain experienced leaders.

'Policy must balance innovation with accountability'

MUMBAI: Policy should provide room for innovation to grow while ensuring that accountability and resilience grow alongside it, RBI Deputy Governor Rohit Jain said on Wednesday. The objective of policy, therefore, is to create the conditions in which useful innovation can develop responsibly, he said here at the Global Fintech Fest 2026. "This requires clear guardrails where the risks are understood, room for experimentation where they are still emerging, and the ability to adapt the framework as technology and its uses evolve."



‘Epic – First Semester’ is a beautiful journey: Anand Deverakonda



Vijay Deverakonda and director Sandeep Reddy Vanga along with the ‘Epic-First Semester’ team at the film’s pre-release event held in Hyderabad

Anand Deverakonda and Vaishnavi Chaitanya, who went viral together in Baby, are back as a pair with the upcoming youthful entertainer EPIC – FIRST SEMESTER. The movie directed by Aditya Hasan and produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya is all set to hit the theatres on September 11, 2026.

While talking about the film, Anand called EPIC – FIRST SEMESTER a ‘beautiful journey’ as opposed to a regular love

story. The film chronicles love, family, career, and responsibilities of a middle-class youngster who goes abroad from Wanaparthy in search of his future.

Anand plays Aditya, an innocent young man torn between personal dreams and parental expectations. But his life takes a complete turn when he falls in love and gets into a live-in relationship. As per the actor, the situations have been portrayed in a very naturalistic angle so that the family audiences can easily connect to the story, without



any kind of discomfort.

Anand even stated that he could connect to his character on a personal level as he too had completed his studies in the US. He had left his home town for higher education and taken the road less travelled in order to make a better life for himself.

Vaishnavi plays Kadali, who embodies the hidden

struggles and responsibilities behind a cheerful facade.

Anand even clarified that EPIC is not a sequel to Aditya Hasan’s popular 90s web series, though it is indeed a part of the same universe. As per the actor, the film has the power to connect to different generations owing to its relatable emotions and realistic humour.

‘Mandaadi’ clears censor with U/A, set for a grand release

The much-awaited movie Mandaadi is all set for a grand release today. Starring Suhas and Soori in the lead roles, the movie directed by Mathimaran Pugazhendhi and produced by Elred Kumar of RS Infotainment is ready for an exclusive release in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi.

The film has cleared censor with U/A certificate. The authorities were quite happy with the film especially with the boat sequence which was shot realistically in the sea.

Starring Mahima Nambiar in the female lead, the film also features Sathyaraj, Ravindra Vijay, Mithun, Bala Saravanan and others. Moreover, the film has good technical departments with cinematography by Kathir, GV Prakash Kumar’s background score, and action choreography by Peter Hein, Dilip Subbarayan and Mahesh Mathew.

Besides all that, the promotional events of the film have created a great hype around it. The songs and the teaser have got a good response from the audience, and the recently released trailer has already given a peep into the thrilling world of Mandaadi.

Besides, Mythri Movie Distributors LLP is all set to release the film on a large scale in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. According to the latest reports, the bookings are happening fast in these states, especially on BookMyShow.

Finally, the interesting concept and realistic action along with the great technical values will surely make the film a hit. Moreover, with its wide release in multiple languages, Mandaadi is all set to make a mark and create a great opening for Suhas and Soori.



‘Sigma’ 3rd single is full of energy

The makers of Sigma have released the much anticipated “Rage Of Sigma” song, which has added more excitement and hype to the upcoming film. It has gained a great response on social media after its release.

This high energy number has been sung by Sean Roldan and scored by Thaman S has left everyone excited for the film.

The film, which is set to release worldwide on October 2nd has been produced on a large scale by Lyca Productions and A. Subaskaran. It stars Sundeep Kishan in the lead role and marks Jason Sanjay’s directorial debut.

The earlier released songs Sigma Style and Ayyayyo Ammadi have managed to create good talk back about the film due to their differing music styles.

The film also features Faria Abdullah, Raju Sundaram, Sampath Raj, Shiva Pandit, Anbu Thasan and Yogi Babu in prominent roles.

Krishnan Vasant has been appointed as the cinematographer for the film, which has been edited by Praveen K.L and VFX by Hariharasudhan. The music has been composed by Thaman S. Set for October 2nd release, Sigma has all aspects to deliver a great experience for the viewers on the big screen.

‘Haiku’ teaser: Aegan and Sridevi lead a vibrant romantic entertainer

The teaser of Haiku, a romantic entertainer starring Aegan, Sridevi and Femina George, has been unveiled by popular romantic hero Harish Kalyan. The upcoming Tamil romantic entertainer, which is produced by Vision Cinema House, is written and directed by Yuvaraj Chinnasamy, and slated to release worldwide on October 23, 2026, has been unveiled.

The teaser showcases the fresh chemistry between Aegan and Sridevi as well as a stunning appearance by Femina George towards the end. Aegan plays an urban lover in this stylish yet innocent avatar in a vibrant love story, having delivered natural performances in his previous starrer, Kozhi Pannai Chelladurai.

Music composer Siddhu Kumar’s soothing background score with violin, classic ragas, and contemporary fusion adds to the romantic mix. A breezy presentation that makes for a fresh take on love and relationships is likely to enchant the viewers with its vibrant visuals.

In the meanwhile, the film’s post-theatrical digital streaming rights have been acquired by Netflix for a reported fancy price even before the completion of its shoot.

Dr. D. Arulanandhu and Mathewo Arulanandhu are producing the film. Meanwhile, Priyesh Guruswamy has done the cinematography, Sakthi Praneesh has edited and Prem has designed the art.



Producer Madhu Kalipu expresses confidence about ‘Mahendragiri Varahi’

Mahendragiri Varahi starring Sumanth and Aishwarya Rajesh is all set to release globally on September 11. The devotional action thriller is directed by Santosh Jagarlapudi and stars Siddhu Jonnalagadda in a special role. The film is produced by Kalipu Madhu and Laxman on Rajashyamala Entertainments and Bridge Films.

Producer Madhu Kalipu expresses confidence on the film’s production and says that it has been made on a huge scale and budget without any compromise on the narration. He says Mahendragiri Varahi is a unique devotional action thriller which will surprise the audiences with its grand production value and an entirely new genre.

The film has Goddess Varahi as the central theme and a star-studded cast. As per Madhu, Sumanth has delivered his best performance in his career, Aishwarya has done a dramatic role that looks like a Goddess and Siddhu’s character in the film should also surprise the audience.

The film’s VFX, which is said to be the highlight of



the film, has been worked on extensively. There is nearly an hour of VFX in the film which has been done at the Annapurna Studios. The VFX team has created the effects with realistic graphics. The music and background score of the film are also supposed to be a major strength.

The film’s locations have also been shot in extensively. The team has done a lot of work to get permits to shoot in Ramachandrapuram Fort, Muchintal, Gandikota, and other places in Odisha. The team also constructed a massive set for the temple sanctum. The makers plan to release the film in nearly 900 screens globally, while OTT deals were also finalized after the teaser’s launch. Additionally, the producer is also planning to work on another film with Santosh Jagarlapudi in addition to a bilingual horror film with a Hollywood studio.

‘Lust Stories 3’ trailer filled with love, desire and drama

The much-awaited Lust Stories 3 is all set to premiere on Netflix, and the recently released trailer has only spiked more the expectations from the anthology. The third edition of the anthology will have four stories highlighting love, relationships, desires and emotions.

Directed by Vikramaditya Motwane, Kiran Rao, Shakun Batra and Vishal Bhardwaj, the anthology has an ensemble cast that includes Radhika Apte, Konkona Sen Sharma, Aditi Rao Hydari, Radhika Madan, Sana Thampi, Vijay Varma, Abhishek Banerjee,



Siddharth, Ali Fazal and Gurfateh Pirzada.

The trailer introduces

multiple couples dealing with complicated relationships while

facing their desires and vulnerabilities.

Apart from the couple-centric stories and the emotions, the stories seem to combine humour and drama, which is sure to make for an enthralling watch.

Siddharth and Aditi Rao Hydari, as well as Ali Fazal and Radhika Madan, feature heavily in the trailer, while Radhika Apte and Konkona Sen Sharma also spark the curiosity. The third edition seems to carry forward the tradition of the first two, with the female leads taking on the core of the stories.

The anthology is set to stream on Netflix from September 18.

‘Kalyanam Kamaneeeyam Jeevitham’ trailer promises love, family emotions and thrills

The trailer of Kalyanam Kamaneeeyam Jeevitham was unveiled at a grand event in Hyderabad, spiking the anticipation levels for the upcoming Telugu film. Movie star cast includes Khan Durani and Sahithi Avancha. Directed by Ravi Lokireddy and produced by Paila Prasada Rao and Kishore Gundala of VIVIFY Media Film Factory, the film is all set for a worldwide theatrical release on the 18 th of this month.

The movie has love, family emotions and thriller as the main elements and tracks the journey of a couple who get into trouble with the entry of a third party into their lives. It promises to engage viewers with loads of twists and turns, all without losing out on family-appropriate themes.

Director V.V. Vinayak, who was present as chief guest at the trailer launch, complimented the newcomers and wished that it becomes a massive success. Producers K.L. Damodara Prasad and Prasanna Kumar also praised the trailer and

urged people to support new talents. Music director Sri Murali Karthikeya is optimistic about his songs and background score that will be a major attraction, he says. Hero Khan Durani says he started doing films after spending some time learning and working in cinematography and other film departments. Sahithi Avancha says that the team has worked hard to deliver a story that would appeal to the youth as well as the family audience. Rajavamsi is releasing the film across the Telugu states.

